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PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

3/26/20 to Mr. Marple

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NO. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D.D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 10,1920

Rev. John Dixon,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Letter enc. is Dr. C's to Mr. M. - 3/10/20

My dear Dr. Dixon:

The Rev. W.S.Marple, now of Fairbanks, is to remove to Anchorag to succeed Mr Hughes at that point.

When Mr. Marple left his home at Hammonton, N?J., three years ago, to come to Fairbanks, he left his furniture in care of persons who are now unable to look after it longer. He desires to look after this and other business matters as well as care of eyes, etc.,etc. I am enclosing herewith his letter to me in which he proposes that if the Board will grant him a vacation and meet his travelling expenses to Hammanton and return to Anchorage he would be willing to accept half salary for the period of his vacation.

I recommend that this be done. I suppose that this means, too, that the next vacation will come five years from this one in accordance with the new arrangement of the Board.

It seems to me that this is a fair arrangement inasmuch as the Board would have to meet the expenses from Fairbanks to Anchorage in any event and in view of the fact that Mr. Marple is willing to accept half pay for his vacation period in recognition of the fact that he is asking for it at the end of three years rather than at the end of five years as by the schedule.

I am suggesting that it will probably be necessary to cut the period under the six months suggested but am sure that Mr? Marple will use good judgement as to this and that we can trust his decision regarding it.

As I am to be absent from my office for some months I would suggest that correspondence regarding this be had directly with Mr. Marple.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

Copy to Mr. Marple.

APR 13 1920
GENERAL SECRETARY

Fairbanks,Alaska.
Marcg 10th,1920.

Rev.John Dixon,D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr.Dixon:

You may hear of Mr.Shriver under stain wanting to quit.He has been sending me a letter that reads that way.

If you will allow it let me say he is a good,hard working chap,likable and consecrated to Presbyterian successes.

We saw him at Cordova.We mixed with his people.He visited us.Our folks liked him.

This is about the hardest job I ever attempted,although Fairbanks tries hard to be kind,and Cordova cannot be better.It seems the boy has hit some of the rough spots too frequently during a too long drawnout experience and needs easing a bit.

Just ease him up a bit,Sir,he is too good a man to be set aside after all this training;if you see the way.Then excuse my boldness in writing and forget all about the letter should there be no need of having sent it.

All bills paid,larger following, against fully two-thirds loss in population of town.Reports follow.

Every respect for you goes with this from,

APR 19 1920

Yours most sincerely,
Wallace Sutton Maples

March 26, 1920.

Rev. W. S. Marple,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Marple:-

Dr. Condit forwarded to us a copy of his letter of March the tenth addressed to you at Fairbanks. He also wrote us approving of your suggestion as to coming out at the present time. This morning I have received a night message which I am fearful that the operator has confused. In any event, a number of us here have studied it carefully and are unable to satisfactorily determine just what it does mean. I am, therefore, unable to telegraph you a satisfactory answer to your proposition.

Let me say this, however, that we are quite willing here to recommend the Board to approve of your request as endorsed by Dr. Condit and any part of it that we do not understand we can safely trust to your good judgment. So far as the course at Columbia University is concerned, I have conferred and find that the course which is now being given will end in June. There will be a summer course of quite intensive study beginning about the fifth or sixth of July and lasting for six weeks. Whether such a course would be worth while for you to take is a matter that we must leave to you. Dr. Wilson is now on the Pacific Coast, starting back immediately, and we are unable to confer with him. The regular course in the fall begins with the opening of the University about September fifteenth and runs to about January fifteenth; then the second term begins, as you know, in February. Just how far the course given at Columbia University on Civic Leadership would be of substantial and permanent service to you in Alaska, you can judge better than we.

If there is anything that we can do in looking after your affairs at Hammonton we will hold ourselves in readiness to attempt any service that you may suggest. Unfortunately, such an offer with regard to your eyes would be of no avail. You must attend to that matter yourself.

Now then, to sum up the whole matter, let me say that if you decide to come out of Alaska this spring or summer to attend to some personal affairs and to take a summer course at Columbia, you may count upon the Board to pay the necessary traveling expenses of Mrs. Marple and yourself from Fairbanks to Hammonton and back to Anchorage and will accept your proposition of paying you one-half salary from the time that you leave Alaska until you return. We expect Dr. Condit perhaps in some three weeks; it may be a little longer before he gets here. We will confer with him so that if we do not understand the situation correctly, or he has any better recommendation to make, we may get his opinion and will doubtless be governed by it.

And with all good wishes to yourself and Mrs. Marple, I am,

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

MAR 22 1920

Copy

March 10,1920

Rev. W.S.Marple,
Fairbanks,
Alaska.

Dear Mr. Marple:

Your letter of the 14th of February is at hand and I am glad to get the definite word that you will go to Anchorage. We will now look for a man for Fairbanks as soon as the policy between the Methodist Board and our own is determined regarding Fairbanks and Skagway.

Mr. Shriver has decided to go outside. His wife did not want to go to the interior with her babies. We will therefore have to look for a man elsewhere.

It seems to me that your proposition as to going outside is a fair one. I am today sending your letter to Dr. Dixon with my approval of this, viz, that you receive half pay for the time absent from work and that the Board meet your necessary expenses from Fairbanks to Anchorage via your home in the east.

As to a vacation of six months "before Mr. Hughes leaves", as you suggest, that would be impossible since it is less than six months now until he will want to go. He plans to leave in August. It is not advisable that the church at Anchorage remain long without a minister. I think, therefore, that you would probably want to cut your period of absence down somewhat.

Also, I suppose that yournext vacation, would have to be figured on the five year babis from this year, according to the regulation of the Board.

It would probably be better for you to dispose of the motorcycle in Fairbanks. There is no available fund for the purchase of the machine and in addition it is impossible to know whether the next man would want it in his work. Anchorage is as level as a floor and the machine would be of good service to you there should you care to keep it yourself.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to Dr. Dixon regarding the vacation arrangement.

With most ordial greetings to Mrs. Marple and thanking you for all your kind words, I remain

Sincerely yours,

James A. Condit

Copy to Dr. Dixon.

JUN 9 - 1920

Fairbanks, Alaska.
May 7th, 1920.

Rev. John Dixon D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

In reply to your kind letter of March 26th let me say I am sorry the Telegram proved confusing.

I think the fact that I presumed you were cognizant of certain details under consideration which after I found had not been laid before you was the cause at least partially of the confusion.

Dr. Wilson had suggested a course at Columbia during 1922. Dr. Condit suggests that this trip, would put the possibility of taking this up for fully five years after getting back to Anchorage.

I have to go home. I do not care to lose the year at Columbia. My protest was that no hurried trip of adjustments, which ment nothing but hurry and hard work, straining to be back at a certain time ment anything like a vacation..

You did not have the facts, cosequently had no reason of knowing what my plaint could be.

Your good natured plan of leaving it open until we could talk it over is but another proff of your fairness and your good judgment. Talk it over we will.

I thank you very much for your kind offer of helping in the situation. I am afraid we only could do. I thought it all over before asking. It will be necessary to go and see and do for ourselves.

We will wait here until you have made your decissions as to the future of this work. It does not seem fair to leave the situation without a pastor for the people leaning our way.

The course at Columbia seems an impossibility this trip. We will not have any too much time for all we may find to do. If complications arise I doubt if we will get through what actually needs our personal care.

So we will appreciate your sending word to us as early as convenient. We will be packed soon after and leave by the first boat following.

We have had the Flu here. The churches and schools closed now ~~three~~ two weeks. We have gone through it, doing all we could. Mrs. Marple has been taken down and gets well slowly. I have kept my feet but am not worth much.

It will hurt the work and make us short of cash for a while. But the good weather is coming and soon shall all be right.

I enclose a letter from a friend thinking you would enjoy his conclusions concerning missionaries to the Natives. It need not be preserved when finished with it.

Thanking you for your kindness and trusting you are in good health, believe me,

Yours most respectfully,

Wallace E. Marple

May 7, 1920.

Rev. Wallace S. Marple,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Marple:-

I scarcely know what to say to you with regard to the appropriation to your field or fields for the new year upon which we have entered, except to assure you of the full salary which you have hitherto been receiving. We know that you will get from the Fairbanks people while you remain with them the full amount that may reasonably be expected from them towards the pastor's salary, and that when you begin work at Anchorage you will adopt the same plan with regard to the people of that congregation.

Dr. Wilson has doubtless written you about your coming East and said to you that we would be guided here by your judgment. I am not sure that he has told you what my own opinion in the case was, namely, that unless there be personal reasons for your coming now, my judgment is that it would be better for you to wait in order to get a full term at Columbia University, your entire vacation and an opportunity to see the persons and do the things which you would like to see and do when you come East. But we know that you will do not only the right thing but the best thing.

And with warmest personal regards, I am, as ever

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

JUN 30 1920

Fairbanks, Alaska.
June 1st, 1920

Rev. John D. Dixon, D. D.,
156 Fifth Avenue.
New York City.

My dear Mr. Dixon:-

In reply to your kind letter of May 7th, may I say it will be my object at Anchorage, as here, to have the members and friends of the Church, there, contribute what they should to carry on the work of their own Church.

I have a financial statement from the Pastor there and have already spent some time over it. It looks a very

interesting problem.

The telegram send is subject to your judgment. We can hardly hope to get more than a month East – it will in all probability require more time than that, by leaving in this next river boat. It leaves June 15th – to 20th.

The trail is very bad just now and all but out of the question this time of the year.

I believe the lecture work had better be held over. Say in 1922 or 23 when naturally I would go to General assembly.

Mr. Wilson has been kindness itself in suggesting, and I really would like to take a

Jean's work East, for a man gets
sapped here of what he needs
most to be successful in the
"Calling" by the very conditions.

Also, we have thought it
wisest not to disturb the
relations, unless necessary, again
too soon, at Anchorage. A
year, with an other break, would
not seem advantageous to that
situation should we fit at all.

Trying to meet all involved
looking to the best interests of
all, may I ask you hurry man
in for place here as quickly as
possible, if the work still is to
remain under the care of
our Board, not being merged
over.

with the M. E. or with Elm. as Mr. Landis suggests.

Should there be a delay Mr. Hewin, who has a pass on the Government railroad, might alternate in pulpit of two Churches.

The Summer requirements are lighter than those of the Winter. And I am sure the official good feeling existing between the two Churches would make it possible.

Trusting soon to see you, I believe me, as ever,

Yours Most respectfully.
Wallace Sutton Langley.

P. S.

Paper packed, hence this doubling, for which I ask your pardon. W. S. L.

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JUL 9 - 1920

June 27th. 1920
Cordova, Alaska.

Rev. John Hixon, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue.
New York City.

My dear Dr. Hixon:-

Conference Cordova officials during stop here waiting for the Boat. They speak very well of Mr. Shriver. A retired M. E. clergyman is satisfactorily supplying the pulpit. The Sunday school is well attended and vigorous.

The interest of several officials centers about Mr. Wintergreen or Winterbottom, said to now be at Skagway. Mr. Shriver, in a letter, recommends him.

This man is due to visit one of the officials soon. I was asked how far they could go, should he be desired to take Shrivers place?

I advised stating anxiety concerning this to you, saying I had always found you generous and wise, Clearly outlining before them your full authority.

Should they err in zeal, please know they offer no offence.

Respectfully but heartily,
Wallace Sutton Morgan.

Per Receipt letter given to Treas. Office

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July 21, 1920.

Rev. Wallace S. Marple,
215 Asbury Avenue,
Ocean City, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Marple:-

I am glad that your long and wearisome journey is over and that Mrs. Marple and yourself are resting by the seaside.

I shall notify the Treasurer's Office as you direct.

I am sure that if it is within your plans to visit New York in the near future that we shall have a call from you.

And with all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

July 30, 1920.

Rev. Wallace S. Marple,
215 Asbury Avenue,
Ocean City, N. J.

My dear Mr. Marple:-

I have just received a telegram, a copy of which I enclose. While it is possible to send a minister to Fairbanks in the near future, yet it is quite improbable that we shall find a man suitable for that work.

Kindly give the Board your judgment with regard to the proposition to turn over the church temporarily to the Methodists. We do not want to play "dog in the manger"; nonetheless, it seems to me that it will benefit Presbyterianism very little to agree to this proposition, but the Kingdom is more than the Church.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Enclosure-

JD/I.

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

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156 FIFTH AVE

NEW YORK
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POSTAL TELEGRAPH-COMMERCIAL CABLES

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4. Messages will be delivered free within the established free delivery limits of the terminal office. For delivery at a greater distance a special charge will be made to cover the cost of such delivery.

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6. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the telegram is filed with the Company for transmission.

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EDWARD REYNOLDS, VICE-PREST. AND GENERAL MANAGER.

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

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THE FASTEST TELEGRAPH SERVICE IN THE WORLD

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215 Asbury Avenue
Ocean Beach. N.J.
July 31st. 1920

Rev. John Elipon. (D. D.)
156 Fifth Avenue.
New York City.

My dear Dr. Elipon:-

Your letter concerning the situation at Fairbanks just received.

Trusting I may say alone the right thing I will answer at once.

Should a pastor have been sent in there by our Board a solidly united group would have compelled the sale of the M. E. holdings and the field would have remained entirely ours.

To insure this, should this end be still sought, the sending of a wire saying a man was coming, and getting him there, would leave Dr. Elipon in control, compel the sale of the M. E. property and

and leave the field under our care even yet.

To accomplish this a man is needed. Also a yearly sum, which may be increased, to maintain him there.

So far I have not found or can I suggest a man who is suitable.

On the other hand should the M. E's take hold, who pays the salary of the $2.500 man?

If that is left to the local people, even in part, the M. E. holdings will not be sold, and will be kept, as before, as a source of raising money needed for salary and the problem at the end of three years could be even more complicated.

The sending of a M. E. pastor unless the M. E. holdings are sold looks dangerous to me.

If a real interchurch programme, in which the property of the church not used be sold and placed at the disposal of the work, the M.E. Board - in this case - purging the salary shortage, as we have done in the past, for three years, and each Board be allowed a share in the handling of affairs I would favour it.

Such a real union would save money, add strength, and be fair.

But this alone would tempt me to do what was asked.

If, however your wider experiences and better understanding of such situations finds such unlikely, or impossible, and the conditions now prevailing, and a suitable man and the money needed be available, or even likely to be found, I should premise such

before the close of navigation and I would move everything movable to insure his being on the ground ahead of time.

With everything needing an excuse blindly be granted such in this hurriedly written letter.

Appreciating your position and trusting, even as I admire the skill, ability and judgment displayed so often in the past handling of our affairs, allow me to express my belief that this issue will likewise be securely and satisfactorily met and that God will have the result best for all concerned in spite of all contrary to His will.

Most respectfully yours,

Wallace Sullaway Mapes,

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

NIGHT LETTERGRAM

THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY (INCORPORATED) TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THIS NIGHT LETTERGRAM SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THIS BLANK.

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

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INDEPENDENT COMPETITIVE PROGRESSIVE

SEND the following NIGHT LETTERGRAM, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

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#3.30

156 Fifth Avenue, New York,

August 4, 1920.

Trustees of the Presbyterian Church,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Expect to send minister to Fairbanks very soon.

Will ask Diven to look after field for present.

Offer of Methodist superintendent declined with thanks.

John Dixon

(Paid)

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMERCIAL CABLE COMPANY

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

CHARLES C. ADAMS, VICE-PRESIDENT. EDWARD REYNOLDS, VICE-PREST. AND GENERAL MANAGER. CHARLES P. BRUCH, VICE-PRESIDENT.

August 18, 1920.

Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple,
215 Asbury Avenue,
Ocean City, N. J.

My dear Mr. Marple:

Yours of the 13th has lain unanswered for several days as I have been lecturing and absent from the office most of the time.

I am glad you have succeeded in disposing of your house and furniture and are ready for business.

Dr. Marquis is away from the office, but Dr. Dixon and I are here and we want to see you and have a satisfactory visit with you before you start West, and if possible we will have Dr. Marquis come from his farm in Connecticut for the interview.

I am writing to a Mr. Scherer of Missouri this morning, offering him Fairbanks, as the man we thought we had secured for that place has backed out on account of the climate.

Now, will you please name a difinite time for leaving Ocean City and tell us just when it will suit you to come here with your wife and go on from here to Youngstown, Ohio, spending a Sunday there, and on to your new field. We here and Dr. Hudnut will accommodate ourselves to your convenience, but we ought to know definitely as soon as possible.

Lassie and I are hoping for a visit from you and Mrs. Marples at our home in Fairhaven. You can come by the Jersey Shore Road, stopping at Fairhaven on your way, and coming on with me to New York. Your wife might wish to remain at our home while you are doing business here in the office. Please write at once letting me know when to expect you.

With warmest regards to yourself and wife, I am, as always,

Your friend,

SHY:ES

September 16th, 1920.
5318 Washington Avenue,
West Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Young:

Yours of the 14th at hand. Thank you for being so fair over my misjudgment in respect to the letter. At the beginning of the week a problem showed in the settlement of the property at Ocean City and as this must be clear before we go back I had to stop and go to work upon it. When I found that it would hold us over Saturday, I wired Dr. Hudnut (Tuesday), who will now expect us one week later. A letter followed the wire. I regret very much this delay but it was unavoidable and had to be met.

D.V. we will be with him Friday, the 24th and try our best to gain their fullest interest in the work and in us.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter already sent Mr. Scherer. I can only hope it will truly help him. Should the suggestion of a Bank loan not meet your approval kindly so advise him.

I will follow this with a letter of thanks to Mrs. Brooks. She will soon know how delighted I was to have those fine hand knit socks come my way. I regret very much that you will not be making the trip that would give you the chance to to use them, however. The more I think about what value that trip would have as a money producer, the more impelled I am to advise your going on at once with it.

Mrs. Marple says you are to autograph her gift-book the very next time she has the pleasure of seeing you, which she hopes will be at Anchorage. I have not had my chance at it yet. She has and calls it a great book. Mr. Miller, with whom we were stopping picked it up, looked it over, started to read and never laid the book aside until he had completed it. That was a fine tribute to its worth from anyone and truly so here as this man is not to be captured by every book.

We are sorry you have not found the house yet; may we trust that by this time you are safely and comfortably provided with one. We find the same conditions prevailing everywhere and pray for the good old days when houses and all necessities were easier to secure.

We thank you for the good wishes and can frankly say we faced this slight delay with deepest regrets. We wished to be off. Alaska draws and we want to be at our work again. Truly glad will we be when the last thing has been done and we are free to go.

Not forgetting our wonderful time together, we send our sincerest best wishes to you all and ask to remain,
Yours most respectfully, Wallace Beattie Marple

September 9, 1920.

Rev. John L. Hughes,
212 - 45th Street,
Newport News, Va.

My dear Mr. Hughes:-

At the request of Mrs. Hughes, with whom I have just been talking on the 'phone, I am sending you an application blank for a clergy fare certificate. It will be necessary for you to fill out this blank as the railroads do not renew former certificates, a new application being required each year. Mrs. Hughes is doubtful if this will reach you in time to be of use, but I will forward it immediately in the hope that it may help you to secure reduced rates.

Sincerely yours,

(S.C.J.)

Secretary to Dr. Dixon.

Enclosure-

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
JAMES H. CONDIT
STATED CLERK

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D.D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

December 1,1920

Rev. Wallace S. Marple,
Anchorage, Alaska.
Dear Mr. Marple:

A recent letter form Dr. Marquis seems to dispose of the question of a Territorial Pastor at Large in that he says that he does not fa vor such an office inasmuch as the population does not warrant the expense. The question of a Presbyterial Pastor at Large for this presbytery will likely come up in the spring. I do not think it will be granted for the reason that it carries with it the thought of a new departure in administration of the work, viz, home rule, with the Home Mission Committee succeeding to the work of the General Missionary. This, I am very certain, will not be acceptable to the Board which insists on having an agent on the field and the right to administer its work up to the proportion of the support it furnishes. The disposition of the Board seems to be to enlarge rather than curtail my activities. I am at their disposal and only interested in furthering the best interests of the cause.

With kind regards to Mrs. Marple from Mrs. C., Cordially,

James H. Condit.

Anchorage,Alaska.
December 22nd, 1920.

Rev.James H.Condit,D.D.,
Juneau,Alaska.

My dear Dr.Condit:

Yours of the first received and read with great pleasure. I thank you for your kind expressions of commendation.I trust I shall always prove equall to the demands made.

To date:Furnature for one room.A check for $ 100.00 from Mrs. Elizabeth Wick,Youngstown,also to be applied to furnature.Not covering all the needs,yet very grateful for the help it means.Dr.Hudnut was kind in writing"You were with us for so short a time that I am really surprised to discover the interest that your visit aroused and the feeling of affection that you left behind in the hearts of our people." Shall we not be glad for that,for we had asked the Lord to so have it if anything came of the visit?

Heating:We are working on the furnace.Should it be found to do when changed,that is all required.It is an experiment costing about $ 100.00 and may save further expense.One of the Elders suggests this:the heater and range man doing the work expresses doubt as to the change being effective.Your suggestion as to plastering is good, in facthas been taken up here by the men.It will be cheaper,somewhat, to tear out the interior finish and plaster down stairs,but it is thought it would be cleaner,better,warmer,and make church and manse alike should the house be also rough-cast as is the Church.A layer of building paper,wire netting for the plaster,then the mortar.This would give protection to both floors,make the building tight,be easier applied,and give each building the same exterior appearance:the cost very little more:the ~~dirt altogether~~ less:resulting in a warmed house.

THE PASTOR'S STUDY
AS WE NEAR THE
BIRTHDAY OF JESUS

There's a song in the air! there's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer, and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king.

SHARING THE CHRISTMAS JOY WITH YOU:

GREETINGS:

With the return of this most blessed season of all the year, our thoughts turn to you, winged with hearty greetings and every good wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May your heart be filled with the gladness of the beautiful Christmastide, and your home be fragrant with mutual love. May you have many tokens of friendship and affection, and in even greater measure know the delight that comes from making others happy. May He, who was born in Bethlehem, be born anew in your heart, and fill you with the conscious joy of His presence and grace. Above all, may you recognize and rejoice in the blessed fact which Christmas celebrates,—the coming of our Lord to earth.

Gifts can be weighed, measured, analyzed, or fully tested. All have estimated values in money, beauty or utility. The worth of this greeting to you lies in the abundance of our good wishes and the glad cheer it bears. As love can make a little thing great, and as the heart of the giver is worth more than the gift, so may our letter be to you and yours.

As you read, may the spirit of Him whose coming celebrates the unselfish giving of Our Father, cement fellowships, overlook faults, extend mercies, exchange assurances; and may we enter into the New Year with a sincere mutual prayer that burdens be lighter, sorrows easier, strength greater, lives richer, because, together, we have crossed hands, exchanged good wishes, and asked the same God to fill our hearts with the peace of earth and the good will of Heaven.

Asking to be remembered during the three hundred and sixty-five Happy days, we wish for you, may we always remain,

Most cordially yours,

Reverend and Mrs. WALLACE SUTTON MARPLE.

JAN 11 1921

Anchorage, Alaska.
December 22nd, 1920.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D., LL.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Marquis:

I have been replying to the enclosed and to other letters from Dr. Condit.

May I take the liberty of sending you a carbon of what I have written him concerning the Territorial Pastor at Large?

We do love Dr. Condit and have all faith in him. Yet we do feel, as you lay the burdens heavier upon him you should at the same time provide for some closer personal touch for pastors, fields and work.

It took a good bit of courage to send you this, so please do not misjudge the act.

Most respectfully yours,

Wallace S. Marple.

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31ST

Please forward this report to the Secretary promptly after the date mentioned

Name of Missionary Wallace Sutton Marple,

Name of Presbytery Yukon.

P. O. Address Anchorage, Alaska.

STATISTICAL REPORT

In the *Statistical Report*, under "Names of Churches and Stations," please write the name of each preaching place, following each in the spaces on the same line with information as to the quarter's work.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND STATIONS	PREACHING SERVICES				OTHER SERVICES				MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR MISSIONARY STUDY AND PRAYER		Number of Pastoral Calls	MEMBERS RECEIVED		BAPTISMS	
	SABBATH		MID-WEEK		SABBATH		MID-WEEK		SUBJECTS	Ave. Att.		On Ex.	OnCer.	Adult	Infant
	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.							
Anchorage 1st	2	M.40 E.60			3	S.S.82, J.C.E. 8 S.C.E.22.			Monthly meeting		3-6 daily				
									study Missions.						
									Received Jan.Com.			9	9	4	

GENERAL REPORT

In the *General Report*, please give some details of the various departments of the work, with its trials and encouragements, and any facts or incidents that will inform the Board as to the field, or interest the Home Mission givers throughout the Church at large. **Both sides of this sheet may be used.**

Began work about Middle of October.Received with much curosity.Met by some of the officials at the train.Elder Williams for dinner,then to Hotel.This bill I paid.Here we stayed until after the first Sabbath.Then we went to Manse.The water had not been turned off,had frozen,and when the fires were built we had water,water,everywhere and not a drop to drink,unlesswe carried it,for some time.Nearly all the plumbing had to be taken out.It was a very trying time of petty delays before adjusted.

We soon discovered that all that had been said about the inabilities of the heating plant here,still left its inabilities underestimated.The house drafty,the Trustees indifferent,the repair man busy,we were exceedingly cold and uncomfortable for over two months.Finally,by insisting the Trustees send us to a Hotel and pay the bills until the house was made usable,the repair man was secured.A stove was bought for the upstairs.All the heat from a large furnace was sent into the two,living rooms on the first floor and now by firing hard we can keep from being uncomfortable. The heat will cost from $40:00-$60+00 a month.So far it has cost me more to live here than the salary received.

This of course is my problem and I shall do my very best with it,however, should I be unable to meet the unusual expenses of this situation I will then have to ask your aid or to be sent elsewhere.

* This is about to be remedied by the installation of an adequate heating plant for which the funds are provided, in part by grant from B.H.E. + Local from the Congregation. K.B.

Two visits were made to the end of steel.One to Chickaloon,Eska and the coal mines;the other as far North as the rails are laid.Both trips were profitable.I made many friends,have been told I would be always welcome, while a fairly numerous Home Department follows.This will be under the personal care of Mr.Williams and should be the means of much good.
Mrs.Marple has the Ladies Aid,quite a number belong,taking one meeting each month for the study of Missions.I am led to believe this is the first time a willingness has been shown to do anything of this kind among them.
A large Choir,under the direction of the Superintendent of the Schools here,has been organized.It is doing very effective work each Sabbath evening and greatly enjoyed.The Vested choir of from ten to fourteen young ladies takes care of the morning service.
The Sabbath school,according to the Superintendent,shows a forty per cent increase.
December 23 was the Sabbath school festival.Crowded house.
December 24 Christmas festival for all Natives.Our treat.
December 25 Vested choir gave afternoon to Hospital,sang,played,visited.
December 26 both services well attended.Evening,CantataPlace crowded.
December 31 Watch service-well attended.
January communion wonderful showing.Holy Spirit honored us greatly.Quiet very well attended service.All adults received.The baptisms very impressive.
Mrs.Marple has organized a Junior C.E.society that gives great promise.
There are twelve learning the Shorter catechism in the Sabbath school.
A class of young men,under the care of Mr.Moyer,of the Alaska Bank,has been encouraged and shows considerable gains in membership and interest.
The bills are being paid,although about $ 300:00 so far spent in needed improvements.
It would be difficult to see how the work could have shown more of activity, nor the people more of interest.There are indications this should continue.
We aim to secure another group of men and add them to these as officials. Six elders,twelve trustees for next year.The congregations are showing many men interested and we plan to get them all busy.To do this a brotherhood may be attempted.This not proving practical we will gradually absorb them into the work.
Appreciating the financial help that make a work like this possible and asking your continued prayers this is submitted,

Most respectfully,

Wallace Sutton Marple.

January 11, 1921.

Rev. Wallace S. Marple,
Anchorage,
Alaska.

Dear Mr. Marple:

I thank you for your letter with reference to the situation in Alaska. We have had both last year and this several times a request from the Presbytery of Alaska for an evangelist pastor at large. The Board does not see its way clear as yet to grant this, principally on account of lack of funds. Some of the members of our Board feel that we ought to go a little slow in Alaska until its population begins to pick up again. This does not mean that they favor abondoning any work we have there, but getting along with as little extension as possible. The contrast is being constantly made on the part of the churches between the need of Alaska in point of numbers and in other fields, such as the Indians, for example, who number 360,000, and we bear the major responsibility for their evangelism, about the same relation I should imagine to the work among them that we have to the work in Alaska as compared with other denominations. The same thing is true, in a less degree, in Porto Rico, where there are a million and a half people, and so on throughout the field. Besides this, the Executive Commission of the General Assembly has cut our budget this year very radically, as it has that of all of the Boards, which means that we will likely have less money to go on next year than we have this year.

Assuring you of our interest, I am

Very truly yours,

JAM:ES

Anchorage, Alaska.
January 15th, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,

My dear Dr. Dixon:

Allow me to enclose a copy of letter sent Mr. Banks and the report.

We have been greatly blessed in the work. It has not been a comfortable experience personally. In accepting these problems as adjustments to be made we trust to so solve them that those following need not be compelled to use time over them nor to be bothered by them.

I thank you heartily for advising and helping as shown by Mr. Banks' letter and trusting to be always worthy your kindness, ask to remain,

Yours most respectfully,

Wallace Sutton Marple.

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Anchorage, Alaska,
January 15th, 1921.

Mr. Varian Banks,
Treasurer, Home Mission Board,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Banks:

In answering your kind and helpful letter of the 15th let me thank you for your interest and say in explination that the lack of address to my letter followed from the necessity for carbon copy and held no intent of disrespect. If any has been even suggested by the lack, kindly dismiss it.

Did you get me right in thinking I asked the Board to pay my salary? I am trying to do better than that. Understanding The First Church, Youngstown, had underwritten the $1400:00 of my salary not paid by this congregation, my intent was to suggest that the Youngstown church pay the other portion due, $600:00, now provided here, leaving these people to finance the improvements. I was rather working to relieve the Board than to add to your always heavy burdens.

But it will be better these folk here know the Board's need as your letter states it. And should the Board of Erection grant us aid it would then be up to this congregation to pay it back when they should be able, which no doubt they would gladly do.

Then again, may I restate, as Dr. Hudnut promised his help, no stated amount, my suggestion we apply to him seems best yet in view of the fact that his budget carried an excess from which, I think, he saw his way to provide for us.

However,I know it is all right when you good men there at Headquarters say you will help.It will come someway.The people here seem to have a mind to work and there is some money around.We will have the Summer before us.It is in my mind to so settle some of these problems here that they need not be again refered to as such.

The work goes nicely,the attendance is good,you see we are new to them yet,and we are having additions to the societies and to the church.When the God above works with you and the men back of you close up close it is pretty good, is it not?So thanking you,allow me to remain,

Most gratefully yours,

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
JAMES H. CONDIT
STATED CLERK

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS
NO. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

June 8,1921

Rev. Wallace S. Marple,
Anchorage,
Alaska.

Dear Mr. Marple:

Your letter of May 16th is before me and this reply is to that part of the same referring to a travelling evangelist to labor within the bounds of the Yukon Presbytery.

You probably did not have in mind the establishment of such an office this year. The finances of the Board are such that no such additional work could be undertaken before another year.

While theoretically the thought and suggestion seem good on the other hand the practical difficulties are great.

Alaska has a smaller population,so far as whites are concerned,than for twenty years. I am under the impression that you are in error as to "groups of 50-500" scattered through Yukon Presbytery apart from the towns. I am positive that there are no groups of 500 whites in that section in outlying districts. At present there are very few inhabitants of interior Alaska outside of the towns.

But the greatest difficulty is the matter of travel. In summer the boats are available. However, the depletion of population has cut down the boat service materially. For example no regular boat will run this summer on the Iditarod river. The only service will be at such times as traffic demand and the traffic there is very small. Few boats will operate on the Yukon this season below Tanana and there will be still fewer after the completion of the rail road which furnishes the principal freight supply. As at present it would take an entire summer to make the journey from Fairbanks to the mouth of the Yukon, visiting each mining camp along the way and remaining only between boats. In fact I doubt whether even that could be done if the Kyokuk river section is included.

When it comes to winter travel the time required and the expense involved are so great as to make the proposition impracticable entirely with the present population. For a good share of the winter a man could not travel alone in interior Alaska but must have a man to drive his dogs and care for them. Add dog feed, man hire, road house bills, etc., together and it would bankrupt the Board to keep up such an expense.

The most available section will be that along the railroad when that is completed. But there are no towns of importance yet and no one knows when there will be. The coal mining section of the Nenana district is best reached from that town. The Matanuska from Anchorage. There may be room for an itinerating missionary along the rail road, in time, but not now.

Knowing your earnestness and consecration to the work I am confident that you would be a blessing to the lonely prospector and miner and to the communities where he labors. I know of no one better qualified spiritually to minister to such people. Whether you would be able for the strenuous physical strain demanded in such itineration is a question. It requires unusual physical strength and vigor to face the hardships of the trail. I would not undertake it--I mean the dog travel of the winter--unless provided with an assistant, as above, and even then I doubt whether I could stand it as a regular program. Even using the stages where they are available there must be a lot of "mushing" and that is very hard work.

My impression is that the Board would not at the present stage of population and commercial depression be justified in the expense of such an itinerating missionary. Ten years ago such a man would have been a profitable investment. Such a time may come again. We all hope so. But in my judgement this is not such a time.

This is my frank opinion and only an opinion. I am open to any corrections and ready to concede all the need that there is but could not recommend to the Board that such an office be created under present conditions.

Cordially yours,

James N. Condit

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30TH

Please forward this report to the Secretary promptly after the date mentioned

Name of Missionary Wallace Sutton Marple; *P. O. Address* Anchorage, Alaska.

Name of Presbytery Yukon

STATISTICAL REPORT

In the *Statistical Report*, under "Names of Churches and Stations," please write the name of each preaching place, following each in the spaces on the same line with information as to the quarter's work.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND STATIONS	Preaching Services				Other Services				Monthly Meetings for Missionary Study and Prayer		Number of Pastoral Calls	Members Received		Baptisms	
	Sabbath		Mid-Week		Sabbath		Mid-Week								
	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	Subjects	Ave. Att.		On Ex.	OnCer.	Adult	Infant
First Church	Morning	35													10
	Evening	30													
	S. School	80													

GENERAL REPORT

In the *General Report*, please give some details of the various departments of the work, with its trials and encouragements, and any facts or incidents that will inform the Board as to the field, or interest the Home Mission givers throughout the Church at large. **Both sides of this sheet may be used.**

It is extremely difficult for us to number the calls made. We are visiting whenever the opportunity affords.

The attendance has dropped, not as low as on former Summers, I am told, but it has fallen oweing to the desire of everyone that can to be out in the open and the number of those associated with the work who are working out of town and upon the railroad line.

There have been special days when the attendance has ran away up but these are not counted as they have no bearing upon the steady flow and ebb of attendace. Cradle roll day showed an attendance of 148 in the Sabbathschool beyond the adults not counted. That morning 10 were babtised. (infants).

When the pledges for local expenses were all in we found that all who had remained in town we had all remewing, 16 new pledges and 250.00 subscribed fron outside sources. All of which will mean that we will have no financial difficulties for this year. Beyond this the 200.00 asked for by the Board has nearly all been raised and sent into the Treasurer that he may send it to the Pastor as per the Board, insuring this amount. The balance will be forwarded through the Ladies Aid and is as good as paid.

We have been greatly cheered by letters and by gifts from the Church at Youn stown.It will be our aim to further strengthen this bond of fellowship and help.I am sending letters, pictures and stories of the work to them with this end in view.. They raised 63.000.00 this year.This large sum should allow them to do many things beyond local work.As Dr.Dixon will read this report,I would like to ask if it would be thought wise to have this church also become,for the present,responsible for the foot loose man we must have in the Interior?I find it next to impossible to be absent from town.Each day brings me more than can be accomplished in that day.The town fills up with people and the claims increase.Now is the time this should be done,if the need is met,and I am about helpless.Will you in authority let me ask Youngstown for three thousand dollars to carry this for one year?Offerings could be taken to help.Next year the need might not be so great and a half years work might answer..

We wish to record a growing interest in mission work here under Mrs.Marple's efforts.The work is carried on through the Ladie's Aid and is becoming quite an influence.

Also would like to mention the growth of the Sabbath school.We have been enabled to so secure the new children coming and to add to the adult attendance that all have been greatly encouraged.The Sabbath school entered a float in the parade July 4th and secured second prize,30.00.This more than paid for the expense of the effort and gave us publicity and an abundance of good feeling to our credit.August 5th we charter a steamboat and barge from the Commission and we will fill both with members and wellwishers and go to Knik for the day..

In an unusual way we find a necessity for constant watchfulness over the incoming people,particularly the young. They come without money and knowing nothing about conditions. They get into all kinds of difficulty and danger.This is a town where many reside gathered from all quarters and not always of the best.A local group of ladies has been organized by Mrs. Marple to meet all incoming boats and trains,and to keep on file proper lodging place and positions.The Commission co-operates, as does the Ladie's Club and actual security is afforded those needing such.I wish someone of our religious periodicals could be used to warn against anyone coming unless assured of reasonable security,in all ways,at least until settled.

We will attempt several improvements to the plant this year.Several hundred of dollars have been spent and more will be used in gettings things comfortable and right.It is really a pity that there can not be some scheduled form,or pattern,or design,having every point covered needed,that all church and manse building must conform to here in Alaska.The Missionary Superintendent and the Board to be the judges.Each one I have seen,or used,different and each with some fundamental problem needing change for comfort or for use.These things should not be. The condition here are different fron those encountered elsewhere. That which would do elsewhere may not,is not likely,to fit here.. The fancy of even pastors differ.Why not have conformity that will save and satisfy?

Anchorage, Alaska.
July 15th, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,

L56 Fifth Avenue,

New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

Enclosed please find report, letter sent to me by our Missionary Superintendent and my reply to it. I send you this for the purpose of letting you know what has passed between us in regards to the travelling evangelist for this Presbytery.

I trust this finds you well and not too greatly burdened by the heat of the Summer and that the moneys are now coming in sufficiently to releave you of any burdens financial in the great work you have committed to your care.

Vrey respectfully yours,

Wallace Sutton Marple.

September 2nd, 1921.

Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple,
Anchorage, Alaska.

My dear Brother:

The suggestion made in your last quarterly report that you should receive permission to approach the Youngstown Church for a special gift of $3000. for a Presbyterial missionary has been carefully considered by the Executive Council.

I regret very much to send you a disappointing message, but the way does not seem clear to take favorable action and for these reasons:

First - It is an old established rule of the Board that no appeal should be made to Churches for special contributions for any purpose not named in the budget, except by the Board for the current work. As you know, the Presbyterial missionary is not named in this year's budget.

Secondly - Even if the Youngstown Church should give favorable consideration to such an appeal they would make it only for a limited time, and the duty of providing for the Presbyterial missionary would very soon fall upon the ordinary gifts to the Treasury. We have, therefore, to look at that side of the case.

Thirdly - We need every dollar for the current work. We have borrowed from the banks, up to date, $825,000, a sum far in excess of any amount wh ch the Board has ever borrowed. The offerings from the Churches since the first of April have been less than the corresponding period last year, and the outlook is not encouraging.

Cordially yours,

JD MG

Anchorage, Alaska,
September 22nd, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

Your kind letter of September 2nd received. I feel I must ask you to excuse my persistence in this matter of Presbyterial Missionary. I do not strive to annoy you with the claim, nor to burden you with the care. Simply the effort to meet a need that I believe most vital.

There is in town at present a man belonging to one of the minor bodies, who believes in Evangelistic work, and who has gone from place to place working his way, should he turn out worthy, I have it in mind to try to put him to the task. I will let you know should this prove effectual.

The two hundred was voted the Board. One hundred from the Sabbath-school, one hundred from the Ladies. I am seeing the Treasurer of the Sabbath-school about their offering. We will see you get all we can give.

I have qestioned whether you have any knowledge of the whereab uts of our Dr. Young? We wxpected to see him before this. So far I have had no definite news of his goings.

Most respectfully yours,

Wallace Sutton Marble

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Anchorage, Alaska.
October 11th, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dea Dr. Dixon:

Enclosed plese find report for quarter. There has been much that has been encouraging about the work of late. I never can feel quite safe here owing to the personality of some close to me in the management of thing but I am learning better to handle them and feel reasonably confident of a real winter's work.

Since writing the report have a letter from the Elders of Youngstown. It is not definite, yet it is encourageing as to financial help on improvements upon property here.

The lawless conditions here are appalling. Can only trust no outbreak.

Yours most respectfully, Wallace Sutton Marple

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The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH

Please forward this report to the Secretary promptly after the date mentioned.

Name of Missionary Wallace Sutton Marple,

Name of Presbytery Yukon.

P. O. Address Anchorage, Alaska.

STATISTICAL REPORT

In the *Statistical Report*, under "Names of Churches and Stations," please write the name of each preaching place, following each in the spaces on the same line with information as to the quarter's work.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND STATIONS	PREACHING SERVICES				OTHER SERVICES				MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR MISSIONARY STUDY AND PRAYER		Number of Pastoral Calls	MEMBERS RECEIVED		BAPTISMS	
	SABBATH		MID-WEEK		SABBATH		MID-WEEK		SUBJECTS	Ave. Att.		On Ex.	On Cer.	Adult	Infan
	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.							
First-	M. 40 E. 80								Bi-monthly Ladies Aid.						

GENERAL REPORT

In the *General Report*, please give some details of the various departments of the work, with its trials and encouragements, and any facts or incidents that will inform the Board as to the field, or interest the Home Mission givers throughout the Church at large. **Both sides of this sheet may be used.**

Last report showed tendancy for attendance to decline. Only natural Summer slacking of people with love and necessity for outdoor life and labor.

Attendance and interest gathered in August and has been increasing since. Evening service often compells use of extra chairs.

Sabbath-school also shows good increase. Have set goal at 150. Believe it will not be long reaching that mark. Have a wide awake and willing Superintendent, although he does delight to run everything and everybody.

The Home Department, which was started as a new feature here, has proved a very useful part of the work. It has grown. We would recommend it to be used for all work having outlying stations or districts.

We have gone up the line, holding a service and baptising a baby. The center used was Hurricane Gulch. Here is where the great steel bridge spans a gulch of depth and width directly across the path of the railroad. We had maintained a Sabbath school at this point. Also a public library. The camp has been dismantled. But one man there now. Quite a town before.

Our vested choir of young ladies has carried all Summer. It did helpful work and enters the Winter increased in numbers and under the leadership of two of our most musical leaders.

The adult choir has been re-organized by the Superintendent of the public schools. It too has increased in strength and is most effective

They have just given an entire evening of music,having the church overflowing with people and giving great ple sure to all hearing them.These musical evenings will be a feature once a month all Winter,should our plans carry.The Church is putting the emphasis upon the music with helpful results.

We recently received into our fellowship a Deaconess of the Congregational church.This woman will be most useful and can do much for the cause.She married and intends to remain here.

The Trustees have done much to the church.Spending quite a large sum.With the aid of the grant received from the Board of Church Erection plus some from the Trustees the hot-water plant for the Manse has been ordered.We are still lacking the money to install this.And there is no money for the Manse that it can be made tight against the weather.An appeal made to the Youngtown, Ohio,church,for some reason,was not ever acknowledged.This may mean the Trustees will be compelled to borrow.

The Alaska Engineering Commission is cutting forces.The grading contracts are finished.Only 40 miles of steel to be laid. This is already sending many out,some to the hills and bringing i leness to many.Prices of homes are prohibitive,supplies,cloths, etc.about as before(War times)We will face a hard Winter.Eska has closed for the time,Chicaloon working light.The end many feared appraches and no one can tell the outcome.

The building about town still carries.The demand for houses cannot be met.The town is filled with people.

Bootlegging,gambling,robbery of everything or anybody albut continuous.The Governor appealed for law enforcement while here.He secured some responce but the game goes merily on.It seems the policy of the pool hall and many of the business house to not have anycoin the tokey.It is to everyone's encouragement to accomplish that have a dollar remain with the workers any longer than possible.To accomplish that end they get it away from them one way or another. Drugged,knocked out,robbed,fleaced,you could not keep a record of the sums up to two thousand dollars flowing like a steam out and away.The inability of the stranded ones is too often pitiful.While it adds to the twelve hour day of the Missionary not a little.

It is the outspoken expressionthat this reign of lawlessnes will end in bloodshed.A committee of citizens has been suggested. We can only hop for the best.

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First Presbyterian Church

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, October 20th, 1921. 19

Rev.John Dixon,D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,N.Y.

Mt dear Dr.Dixon:

May I ask your good offices? Enclosed you will fin d a copy of a reply made to our Treasurer concerning a rebuke give that we had asked Youngstown for money.

We cannot see where we have been offensive. Surely it is the last thing we would wish to be.

Should he feel this letter too frank or lacking in respect will you kindly assist in relieving his mind of that or like impressions?

There is nothing within me but rightful desire to further our work in this, neither is there in the acts of our men.

With everyone trying so hard to get and to keep everything as it must be we turn to your good,kind,level headed interest and ask your help,should such be needed,

Knowing you will understand.

Very respectfully yours,

Wallace Sutton Mayfield

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First Presbyterian Church

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, October 20th, 1921.

Mr.Varian Banks,Treasurer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,N.Y.

My dear Mr.Banks:

Your letter of October 3rd with your reply to Mr.T.A.Jocobs,Treasurer, Youngstown,received.It is very difficult for me to see that we have done anything amiss.Surely not sufficient to impell stating us as having done so to our good, kind friends at Youngstown.

I asked permission to lay before Youngstown a Manse necessity.Your efforts, for which we are most grateful,secured $ 678.00 form the Board of Church Erection.

The Trustees aimed to add improvements to the Church also at the same time.

Our material bill and freight on hot-water plant for Manse will be close to $ 900.00.Installatio, stuccoing Manse and other Manse needs,without which living in this Manse is anything but comfortable, still to be paid.

The Trustees were short.We have from 40-60 little children meeting where the floor and side walls are frequently wet and other needs still ahead for them.

So we wrote Youngstown for a $ 1000.00.What is wrong with that?

First Presbyterian Church

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, _____ 19 ____

Mr.Varian Banks. 2.

We are confused.I had stated while at Youngstown that we would be free in laying before them actual needs.I felt then,as I feel now,their willingness and sincerity.We were given every assurance of help them.Their gifts and their help since prove we have their sympathy and prayers.

They are willing to come to our aid.It is at the expense of their New Era Fund.Where is the connection?What have we done wrong?

Perhaps we should know,yet we are frankly saying that we do not.Needy and innocent Babes of The Woods we are but try to believe us free from offense to any man.Should we inadvertly have so done light is all we ask not to be placed unfavorably before these good friends at Youngstown.

Should my regret over this have led me to too great frankness,know this no lack of respect,but comfusion over a situation.

Very sincerely yours,

REV. WALLACE SUTTON MARPLE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

My dear Mr.Banks:

I see that in the rush and push of heavy work I have neglected to mail the report for December. May I have your consideration in view of the fact that I am not at times equal to the demands of the situation here. I trust not to have inconvenienced you by my inabilities and beg to remain,

Yours sincerely, thought not as ably as perhaps you may wish,

Wallace Sutton Marple

Mr.Varian Banks, Treasurer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Give an account of the work of the church during the month as related to

A—Evangelism and Spiritual life and, in general, the spiritual progress of the church and community:

X The slack of the Summer is now well taken up and the work of the Church takes force and vigor. The best evidence of improved spiritual life I have had since coming to this field and one which encourages me greatly is the asking for a mid-week prayer service. It was refused at first. Even found it impossible to have a preparitory service proceeding Communion.

B—Religious Education, methods and results in instruction and training in the Christian life:

X Well defined programmes in Junior and Senior Christian endeavors.

Class preparing for membership using the Shorter Catechism.

Sabbath school members learning the year's golden texts.

Others reading the Bible through. In each case we give a Bible as award for completing the task.

C—Community Service: describe the church's social work in the community, such as recreation, civic improvement, ministry to the sick, the poor and the distressed, etc.

X I imagine close to a thousand dollars has been raised and is spent in re-modelling the basement that it might be used for social purposes. Hot and cold water, sink and drainage has been installed in a kitchen containing closets, dishes, table, stove, and opening with shelf for passing out and receiving food, etc. The concrete of the floor has been covered with joist and flooring, finished and oiled. The walls have been covered with studding and plaster board. All has been neatly finished and is now available for all manner of uses. In the rear and available without going outside we excavated and installed a toilet room. This is kept from freezing by being connected with the hot-water plant of the Manse. Perhaps the best equipped plant in Alaska now.

MONTHLY REPORT

of (name) Wallace Sutton Marple, (address) Anchorage, Alaska.

(Presbytery) Yukon. for the month of December. 192...

Organized churches served (name them) First

Unorganized points served (name them)

Note.—This report is *only* for the full calendar month named and should cover *all* churches and missions served. The report will give data for the month preceding that for which salary is requested, e. g., the voucher for May will be attached to the April report and will be mailed on or about May 15th.

1. Number of churches on your field in which you have preached during month First. Number sermons preached M. & E. Average attendance at preaching service (if you have two services a Sunday in any church, give average attendance for the better attended service) 72. Number other services conducted ..... Average attendance ..... Number special services held in your churches (evangelistic meetings, etc.) ..... Average attendance ..... Total number of all public services held in your church during the month ..... Aggregate attendance, all services, for the month .....

2. Number pastoral calls made Total averages five a day.

3. Number additions during month (give each church separately): on confession..... ..... by letter ..... Total ..... Loss during month (give each church separately): death ..... dismissal .... reserve roll .... Total .....

4. How much has each church served paid during month.

Salary	Fifty dollars and fifty contributed to Board for pastor's salary.		
Congregational Expenses	All bills paid and also cost of improvements.		
Benevolences	Over $50.00 found its to New York this month.		
TOTAL	$.....	$.....	$.....

5. Use back of this form (*not* of voucher) or extra sheet if necessary to describe your program of work during the month, giving in detail those items of your general program which have been accomplished. (See over for information specifically desired.)

Send this blank promptly with voucher attached to Varian Banks, Treasurer, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York. Salary vouchers will be promptly honored when accompanied by a report properly filled out.

JAN 23 1922

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31ST

Please forward this report to the Secretary promptly after the date mentioned

Name of Missionary Wallace Sutton Marple,

Name of Presbytery Yukon.

P. O. Address Box 1234, Anchorage, Alaska.

STATISTICAL REPORT

In the *Statistical Report*, under "Names of Churches and Stations," please write the name of each preaching place, following each in the spaces on the same line with information as to the quarter's work.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND STATIONS	Preaching Services				Other Services				Monthly Meetings for Missionary Study and Prayer		Number of Pastoral Calls	Members Received		Baptisms	
	Sabbath		Mid-Week		Sabbath		Mid-Week								
	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	Subjects	Ave. Att.		On Ex.	On Cer.	Adult	Infant
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GENERAL REPORT

In the *General Report*, please give some details of the various departments of the work, with its trials and encouragements, and any facts or incidents that will inform the Board as to the field, or interest the Home Mission givers throughout the Church at large. **Both sides of this sheet may be used.**

Ladies Friendly Aid, enrollment 55, average attendance 30, meeting twice each month,

Two missionary groups. One belonging to above, other young women led by Mrs. Marple,

Adult choir, very good, directed by Prof Parish, evening services. Vested choir, led by a Mrs. Hatcher, morning services. This group of young women favourably known widely and one of our attractions.

Christian Endeavor, led by the wife of one of leading lawers, a very notable woman,

Junior Christian Endeavor, led by Mrs Marple. This is about the livest thing in all our equipment,

Sunday school, led by Elder, Daniel H. Williams, the best S.S. Sup. in Alaska, Enrollment 135, average attendance 95. Organi-ed to the last need, every teacher faithful, doing a good work. Includes Home Department, Secondary, Primary, Infant and Cradle Roll. Visitors come here for pointers.

Three organized Bible classes in above, adult, young women, young men. Eabh doing excellent work. Chief Clerk of Government railroad, adults, Mrs. Marple the young ladies, myself young men.

Outing Club amongst the young women.this takes care of the Vested choir group and of the girls of the Bible class.Mrs.Marple leader. A genuine camping trip and hikes part of their programme.A social at the Manse,which comes with surprising regularity, olds these together in between trips.I sometimes do vassalage here.

Nusery in connection with the Sabbath services.Care of the leader for Cradle roll,wife of one of our Bankers,Mrs.Ervin,and Mrs. Marple.Use Manse and are assisted by the young women of vested choir,who are free during the evening.Very popular with theMothers who can attend services without being bothered.

Song service,greatly enjoyed,led by the head of the Alaska Bank, Mr.Moyer.Every evening before services the people sing,and they love these services..

Library department,sends books to camps and hospitals about.During construction work this had a real value.G.R.R.transports free of expense realizing good possible.

Rack in station under care of Committee keeps good literature where it is handy for the Boys going out and in.

Class in embrodery and fancy needle work,average attendance 30, weekly,Wife of one the Doctors and Mrs.Marple in charge.This is held in the Public School and is open to any coming..Very popular..

Class in Dressmaking and Tailoring now being organised by Mrs. Marple.This looks to showing the young women how to cut and fit according to system.It should be very serviceable and helpful.

The Presbytery appointed Elder Williams American Bible Society representative.We outlined a plan of placing Bibles,etc.,on sale in various parts of Interior and Coast Alaska.The American Bible Society sent us up some supplies,we have(three)pooled two-hundred and fifty dollars for additional books.These will be sold on a cost plus ten per cent basis..Should our plans carry this looks very useful and good to me.We are busy opening up selling points and creating interest.The fund from sales will purchase new stock.Thus the work should be self sustaining.

All the other branches of work outlined above,with the exception of the class in dresmaking and tailoring,are functioning effectively. This new venture follows a system outlined by a well known institution and under Mrs.Marple's able direction should develop the girls in the work and at the same time give Mrs.Marple the experience enabling her to give the course elsewhere.An asset for the future wherever we may be.

The two additions are worth while.One the janitress,a woman of family and most worthy,the other,Superintendent of Schools here, one time evangelist,lecturer,singer and musical director.Good material for an elder.

Fourteen of the infants were dedicated at one service.It was most interesting,bringing very many together,and remarkable as there was not one peep from anyone of the number during the whole service..

As usual no record of visits made.I think we are too busy to keep the record,perhaps this is a lack on our part that we have no record, yet I am sure we would not make any more by so doing.

BABIES REIGN SUPREME OVER LOVING COURT

FOND MOTHERS AND PROUD FATHERS PAY HONOR TO SMILES AND DIMPLES.

(By C. L. Mason)

At the Presbyterian Sunday school last Sunday Babies' Day was a howling success! Now laugh, doggone you! Well, it wasn't the kind of howling success you think. In the first place, the weather was fine and the fond fathers and mothers began arriving early with the little ones on this, their proud day. Many if not most of the tots were too little to realize that it was a great day for them; however, in after years when their parents show them the beautiful certificates of enrollment handed them Sunday they will realize the power for good in their lives which it meant.

Each mother with a child under 2½ years of age was met at the door by a committee who pinned upon her a handsome little souvenir of the day. Then each of the fifteen new babies were presented with a certificate during the program. In addition about the same number were given handsomely engraved diplomas promoting them to the primary department of the school, as they have now reached that mature age of three years, which entitles them to regular membership and attendance upon the school.

The attendance rolled up was the greatest of any day this year, if not in the entire history of the school, excelling even children's day and Easter. There were 148 persons present, and the offering of the occasion totaled $19.39. Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes, who is superintendent of the cradle roll department of the school, may well wear the smile she does since this happy event, for it was a striking success and due largely to her efforts and the efforts of her coworkers.

Copy portion letter Dr.Condit.

We appreciate the frank expression of your position in the above, as well as, concerning that to which I now pass, that of a travelling evangelist for Yukon Presbytery. Be assured in all these matters but a word as to any wish of yours and I stand ready to concede whatever is not practical. Even that which seems to me best should you wish it.

As to the groups and their numbers: Dunlap, Nenana, Healey, Hurrican, Talkeetna, Deadhorse, Gold Creek, Indian, Matanuska, Wasilla, Eska, Chicaloon, Girdwood, and the twenty five other points or stations between where people are found, all on the railroad and easily and always accessable. Then on the Arm Sunrise, Hope, Kasilof, Ninilchik, Seldovia, Homer, Kachemak, Homer, or Kodiak below, have mail, or steam, boats stopping. Then there are twenty two points on the railroad South of here before reaching Seward. I would ask you to refer to the last U.S. Census, sometime, at your convenience, for population.

The practical difficulties are great, the expenses would not be small, but the people are there and they need just what we are incorporated to give them. It will be the hardest bit of work in the Presbytery. It may only be possible now during the Summer. The Board may not have the money. But whatever there is of it, it is not being done and we of the towns are too much occupied to even attempt it. Conscious of the need I perhaps show too much interest

We are having our hands filled here. The town fills, new problems arise, new things have to be met. Fortunately both keep well and everyone is adjustable with reasonable care. I trust you have a good trip. We ask God to keep you safe, to prosper your aims and to return you in good health. Be sure to come back this way. And know us now as always wishing you the very best of things,

With Mrs Marple, yours most cordially,

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Anchorage, Alaska.
January 26th, 1922.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

Dr. Young has written telling us of the need of the Board for as large a portion from the Trustees as possible. I appreciate your necessity: I understand the possibility of timidity on the part of our Trustees in assuming obligations, owing to the fact of the liability of shrinkage in population, inasmuch as very many have and will leave now the Government railroad work draws to a close.

So offer this plan, identical with that of last year, of having the different organizations send you a sum of money that you may apply same monthly upon the salary here. This attains the like result as though paid from this end, relieves you, is easier to bring about for me and will result in a larger sum being raised from this end.

Incidentally, I was telling one with money of the urgent need and he offered three hundred dollars conditionally we raise three hundred through the organizations. As the Sunday school gave one hundred, the Ladies another, last year; this year, should I find the Trustees ready with one hundred this and the others repeat, can see six hundred additional, to be added to the amount pledged by the Trustees, or four hundred more than amount raised this year just passing.

All of which is subject to your approval.

May I offer this suggestion? The Board is pressed for money. Suppose I wait for my furlough year until 1923? No, I do not wish to loose it. But Dr. Young went a short time back, Dr. Griest, Barrow, not due until 1924, Mr. Scherer, 1925, Mr. Nickerson, 1925-26. I could wait one year and not confuse the series of rotation, should it relieve the Board any. This could not, perhaps, be adjusted in this way without confusion so easily at another time. Kindly advise me if this has value?

Dr.Dixon:

Refering you to the offer made some time past of a year of study for those in the service of the Board and reminding you of correspondence with Dr.Wison on this subject over this desire on my part let me now ask your advice as to the possibility of it at this time and how it will fit into your plans for me here in Alaska?

I have been in correspondence with other than Columbia,which will lead to my asking if you feel it best to confine negotiations to what Dr.Wilson may have in mind?

I am enclosing my report.This I have made in the form of a catalogue of the activities here that Dr.Young may see most clearly what we are doing and best get a grip upon programmes.We have been doing very well.I find more work here than in charges of larger size in the East.And regret that more time cannot be given to the needs all along the railroad.. The worker we financed and sent out failed.Grew discouraged and quit.The best we can get is very often not sufficient for Alaskan service.

I hear very good reports of the way Fairbanks is filling in with people,of the good business the Bank is doing.I never have gotten over my disappointment that Dr.Diven and Mr.Scherer insisted these wonderful workers were so flat they could do nothing and compelled Presbytery to recommend accordingly.

We have been having a bit of real weather.. Damper here than in the Interior we feel it more.This kind makes itself felt.Yet good attendance at services- 107 for the Sabbath school last count.

(with 2 others)

Just been busy, clearing off debt of over $ 800:00 for Chamber of Commerce and raising $ 1000:00 for a new programme of advertising.It looks as though there should be money here to support this work locally.Believe there is and am working towards it.Once the lines of work and population reach a degree of stability believe we can count upon this being done..

With every best wish from Mrs.Marple and myself,

Yours most respectfully,

Wallace Sutton Marple

March 10, 1922.

Rev. Wallace S. Marple,
Anchorage,
Alaska.

My dear Mr. Marple:-

I submitted to the Executive Council yesterday the two propositions which are set forth in your letter of January twenty-sixth.

First, with regard to salary that, as we understand it, the trustees of the Anchorage church will pay to you directly a sum not less than $600. during the next fiscal year. In addition to that other sums of money may be expected from various sources which are to be sent to the Board and when received to be deducted from your monthly voucher.

The Council approved of your suggestion that you should wait for your furlough until 1923 upon the understanding that the postponement of it does not interfere with the coming out of the other brethren at the proper time.

We are nearing the close of our fiscal year and the receipts from the churches show a decrease of over $20,000. There seems to be no other or better prospect at this writing but that the Board will end the year with a debt of $600,000. How it will be possible to make a budget next year without working untold disaster to the cause does not now appear, but we shall hope that He who has cared for us during more than one hundred years will not forsake us now.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

MONTHLY REPORT

of (name) Wallace Sutton Marple, (address) 615 Fifth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

(Presbytery) Yukon. for the month of May. 192....

Organized churches served (name them) Anchorage.

Unorganized points served (name them) .....

Note.—This report is *only* for the full calendar month named and should cover *all* churches and missions served. The report will give data for the month preceding that for which salary is requested, e. g., the voucher for May will be attached to the April report and will be mailed on or about May 15th.

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2. Number pastoral calls made Three to twelve a day.

3. Number additions during month (give each church separately): on confession ..... by letter ..... Total ..... Loss during month (give each church separately): death ..... dismissal ..... reserve roll ..... Total .....

4. How much has each church served paid during month.

Salary Fifty here; fifty, N. $.	$.....	$.....	$.....
Congregational Expenses	$.....	$.....	$.....
Benevolences	$.....	$.....	$.....
TOTAL	$.....	$.....	$.....

5. Use back of this form (*not* of voucher) or extra sheet if necessary to describe your program of work during the month, giving in detail those items of your general program which have been accomplished. (See over for information specifically desired.)

Send this blank promptly with voucher attached to Varian Banks, Treasurer, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York. Salary vouchers will be promptly honored when accompanied by a report properly filled out.

Will start Trustees adding to this next month.

Give an account of the work of the church during the month as related to

A—Evangelism and Spiritual life and, in general, the spiritual progress of the church and community:

During Summer months many out of town - employed all about in many different places.

Secure attendance of Tourists and visitors. Selves receive much attention through recommendation of hotels, business houses and residents who send tourists our way.

About equalizes the attendance and keeps the necessity for continual care always before us.

B—Religious Education, methods and results in instruction and training in the Christian life:

Sunbeam's Day a missionary programme that would have done credit anywhere carried out very successfully. Building Crowded.

Had asked one hundred dollars for Home Board. When collections all in found we owed one hundred and fifty. This with three hundred & Father of the Congregation had given me for the same use is now in the hands of Mr. Vernon Banks, Treasr.

C—Community Service: describe the church's social work in the community, such as recreation, civic improvement, ministry to the sick, the poor and the distressed, etc.

We entered a float in our Fourth of July parade. As usual it took place, prize, and created favourable comment.

Our S. S. Supt. was Marshal and the Pastor had his place in parade and programme.

Believe we wield a real force in the community, political and religious life here.

JUL 21 1922 1/31/22

OFFICE STATED CLERK
PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
WALLACE SUTTON MARPLE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

July 6th. 1922

Rev. John Kirton. D.D.,
156 7 5th Avenue.
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Kirton:-

Enclosed please find statement in which I seek the advice of Mr. Marquis and yourself.

Also, copy of Resolution passed by Presbytery.

Thanking you for your consideration, believe me,
With every best wish,
Most respectfully yours.

Wallace Sutton Marple.

My dear Doctor:

Kindly read the following and advise me.Unless you wish it otherwise it need not reach Dr.Young,whom it concerns.

Quoting letter Dr.Dixon,January 26th,1922,I wrote-"May I offer this suggestion?The Board is pressed for money. Suppose I wait for my furlough year until 1923?No.I do not wish to loose it.But Dr.Young went a short time back,Dr.Greist, Barrow,not due until 1924,Mr.Scherer,1925,Mr.Nickerson,1925-26. I could wait one year and not confuse the series of rotation, should it relieve the Board any.This could not,perhaps,be adjusted in this way without confusion,so easily at another time.Kindly advise me if this has value."

The reply,Dr.Dixon,March 10th,1922,reads-"The Council approved of your suggestion that you should wait for your furlough until 1923 upon the understanding that the postponement of it does not interfere with the coming out of the brethren at the proper time."

The church,here,appreciated this decission.The brethren at Presbyter's meeting in April,1922,adopted the following-"By the plan adhered to in the Presbytery it was the turn of the Rev.Wallace Sutton Marple to go as Commissioner to the General Assembly.Through the courtesy of Rev.Wallace Sutton Marple waiving his regular turn as Commissioner to General Assembly,on condition of preference for the next two years,the Stated Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for F.G.Scherer,as ministerial Commissioner,with Dr.F.H.Spence alternate."

The thought had been that Mr.and Mrs.Nickerson,frazzled by building at Cordova,secure change at Synod.Upon Dr.Young's request,he thinking he would be elected Moderator,Mr.Nickerson's trip was laid aside until next year.

He asked the same for Assembly next year for like hope. This will either throw me out,or delay Dr.Greist one year,which means delaying the others also.I do not care to change,or the brethren to delay.Yet the Doctor has his heart set upon this.

We could do this.Let my furlough start in July or August of 1923.This would bring me East in time for the study I undertake;let Dr.Young go as Commissioner for 1923.The matter of travel expense must be figured in this,however.

Or,you may secure consent of Dr.Greist and others to delay a year,let me go in July-August 1923 and represent Presbytery at Assembly May 1924,if by so doing it would be fair to include expense of trip out and back in Assembly expense and they not object.

Loving the Pioneer,yet realizing should I change the order,unless done through the office,New York,I wait,possibly, seven years for a turn again,I seek your advise.

Respectfully submitted, Wallace Sutton Marple

JUL 21 1922

Resolution passed, Yukon Presbytery, session Anchorage, April 26th, 1922. Prepared and submitted by Rev. F.G. Scherer, Chairman, Committee on Resolutions.

The reports from the fields reveal great untouched areas for which the Presbyterian Church is responsible and the following resolutions were presented and accepted:

"Whereas, at the present time there are large unocupied areas, as St. Lawrence, Nelson, Nunivah, Cape Prince of Wales Islands; the great Bristol Bay region; mining camps as Kennicott, LaTouch, McCarthy, Chitina, Katella; towns as Seldovia, Kenai, Matanuska, Chickaloon, Wassilla, with several thousand people along 400 miles of railway; and during the Summer fishing camps, canneries and native villages having a population of one to five hundred each, making a combined population large in numbers, who are offered no religious instruction.

"And, whereas, Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D., who is probably more conversant with the needs of Yukon Presbytery than anyother living person;

"And, whereas, he has been so markedly successful in securing funds by his gifted presentation to the Churches in the States:

"Therefore be it resolved:

"That Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D., be used during this financial stringency, as Special Representative of the Board of Home Missions, to impress further the special obligations of the Presbyterian Church to furnish religious instruction to the many above mentioned.

"That there be appointed, at the earliest possible date a traveling missionary to spread the Gospel among the many neglected; recommending that $ 500:00 be designated through the Board of Home Missions, $ 500:00 through the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, the balance to be a maximun of $ 2,000:00 and traveling expenses, per annum, to be raised locally on the field."

July 31, 1922.

Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple,
Anchorage,
Alaska.

My dear Brother:-

Your letter of July sixth has been presented to the Executive Council of the Board. I regret that Dr. Marquis could not be with us for he is on his way to Europe and will not return until late in the fall. I am directed by the Council to say that the question involved in your communication is one that the Board is not competent to handle wisely, being of course without any authority in the matter and at best could simply give advice.

The judgment of the Council, therefore is that the matter had better be taken up locally either in conversation or by correspondence in the hope that a conclusion may be reached that will be at once fair and satisfactory to all parties concerned.

In regard to the resolution of the Presbytery, asking that a traveling missionary be appointed, I regret to be compelled to say to you that inasmuch as the Board is now $600,000. in debt to the bank and must needs go even deeper in debt, there is no possibility of money being secured to provide for the expense involved in a traveling missionary.

The Board has appointed Dr. King to make a country-wide campaign in order to if possible wipe out the debt, and no additional appeal to that of the budget will be allowed by the Board beyond the request for a debt contribution.

Regretting very much to send you such a disappointing message, I am,

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

(2) Photographs.

with Wallace Sutton Murple 5/7/1912

Peculiar rock formation at Snug Harbour, Alaska.

8/8/22.

Interior Greek Church
Kodiak, Kodiak
Island, Alaska.

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August 8th, 1922.

Rev. John Timothy Stone, D.D.,
Fourth Church, Presbyterian,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Stone:

Dr. C.C. Hays, Moderator, refered to you as favouring the turning of the work of the Sabbath-school Board, in its administrative aspects, to the Board of Education, in the coming merger of Boards. This was as he visited here.

Be very sure this is not done rather than encourage it. Some very trying experiences have matured from the fact that the Home Board alone did not supervise Alaskan work. Dr. Condit, now of Sitka, formerly General Missionary Superintendent, might have more freedom than myself in stating specific cases. All I can do is to say that within the limit of my experiences in work of this kind it multiplies difficulties to multiply central authority.

Do what you can to give the Home Board single authority wherever the Church expects them to carry on. It is what we ask who work under them; it is what will enable them to unhampered secure results. If you had to perform five thousand miles away from where definite orders originated I am sure you could soon appreciate the putting of all work pertaining to what you did in the hands of a very deffinite and single source.

As Chairman of the Committee having this adjustment in hand now is given to you the opportunity to make it impossible for conflict of plan or authority to hinder frontier work in the future. It is my hope, having every admiration for your ability and purpose, that this boldness in addressing you may not be misunderstood, but aid you in truly solving a real difficulty.

Asking God to bless you in the mighty work you do, believe me,

Yours most respectfully,

Wallace Sutton Marple. Missionary.

August 8th, 1922.

Rev. F. W. Hinitt, D.D.,
Indiana, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Hinitt:

Dr. C. C. Hays, Moderator, while visiting me here, referred to you as a member of the Committee on consolidation of the Boards. Through this I have been led to address you asking your interest in having all the frontier mission work under the direct control of the Home Mission Board.

I am not free to refer to the complications arising from the joint authority of Boards coming under my notice. Nor is it necessary to do so.

But, I will ask you to be very sure that all and everything coming under home mission work be centered within a single and very definite group. To have two, or more, groups five thousand miles away from the thing to be done, crossing their lines of approach, no matter how worthy or willing they all may be, is not likely to be always blessed.

I believe we face a steady advance in the work here in Alaska. More and more are the denominational Boards getting to understand one-another and to be willing to co-operate to prevent the overlapping of work and the spending of three, four, or more sums where one will do and create more respect. And better things yet can be accomplished with simpler and more direct administration.

You now will have a wonderful chance to aid in this. With your splendid grip of the affairs of the Church, the position you have upon this Committee, may we not trust our cause to you and pray you simplify and merge for a one Board control. Logically that of our effectual and well managed Home Board. And the more comprehensive their control the better.

Very respectfully your,

Wallace Sutton Marple, Missionary.

AUG 28 1922

OFFICE STATED CLERK
PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

WALLACE SUTTON MARPLE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

August 8th,1922.

Rev.John A.Marquis,D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,New York.

My dear Dr.Marquis:

Had the thought that something of this kind might help and suggested it to Dr. Hays.He approved and enclosed please find the result.Am sending same in case I may have done amiss and then you might be prepared.

The coming of this great heart among us was a rich blessing.I had known him in the East. Was delighted to have him visit me here.We must have so filled him with our plans and hopes for this portion of Alaska that some of it must run over when he sees you at New York.

May I say send us a man a year from your circle,but do not rush them so.More time is needed for them,for us,for the work's sake.Our good Mr.Banks and his wife were so short of time they never got within miles of us and we wished to have them here so badly.Another month,it would add very little more expense and do so much more.

Kindly express my regret to Mr.Banks and believe me,

Yours most respectfully,

Wallace Sutton Marple

OFFICE STATED CLERK
PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

WALLACE SUTTON MARPLE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Aug 15th. 1922.

Rev. John Hixon. D. D.
156 7th Avenue.
New York City. N.Y.

My dear Dr. Hixon:

Yours of July 31st, 1922, received. I thank you for your interest.

By advice of Dr. Hays, who went over this carefully, while here, believe it best to let regular order remain unchanged.

I will take my furlough next year as due. Kindly be advised of it by this.

Should Mr. Young be so impressed with need of his leaving as to commission, gladly waive that privilege, but he must pay his own expense, unless the Board wishes to underwrite me, when I go later.

Believe this best settled locally in conversation as letter suggests.

Wishing you the very best of all things, believe me,

Yours most respectfully,

Wallace Sutton Marple

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OFFICE STATED CLERK
PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

WALLACE SUTTON MARPLE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

August.23rd,1922. 8/29/22

Rev.John Dixon,D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue.
New York City,N.Y.

My dear Dr.Dixon:

At the last Presbytery meeting in Anchorage,April 26th-28th,1922,the invitation was extended from Fairbanks for the next meeting.

It has developed that October next be used.So we will meet about the first of October, 1922..

Dr.Young advises me to write asking for the one hundred dollars expense money allowed by the Board on traveling expenses of those attending.

Will you kindly take up this matter with Mr.Banks and have the sum forwarded?

With every best wish for your health and success,believe me,

Most respectfully yours,

Wallace Sutton Marple

Sums Entered

Ck. for $100. sent 9/9/22 on letter from Dr. Young.

To greet you Heartily at Christmas and the New Year

At His Birthday

TO YOU *and* YOURS:

Let us wish you the kind of Christmas
That Christ came to bring to the earth
Full of Peace and good will and contentment
Of merriment laughter and mirth.

Let us wish you the great joy of living
Let us wish you a year both prosperous and glad
Let us wish you good cheer and true friendship
The very best year you've had.

With cordial thoughts that
bridge the distance,

Rev. and Mrs Wallace Sutton Marple

MONTHLY REPORT

of (name) ..... (address) .....

(Presbytery) ..... for the month of ..... 192.....

Organized churches served (name them).....

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Unorganized points served (name them) .....

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Note.—This report is *only* for the full calendar month named and should cover *all* churches and missions served. The report will give data for the month preceding that for which salary is requested, e. g., the voucher for May will be attached to the April report and will be mailed on or about May 15th.

1. Number of churches on your field in which you have preached during month ..... Number sermons preached ..... Average attendance at preaching service (if you have two services a Sunday in any church, give average attendance for the better attended service) ..... Number other services conducted ..... Average attendance ..... Number special services held in your churches (evangelistic meetings, etc.) ..... Average attendance ..... Total number of all public services held in your church during the month ..... Aggregate attendance, all services, for the month .....

2. Number pastoral calls made .....

3. Number additions during month (give each church separately): on confession..... ..... by letter ..... Total ..... Loss during month (give each church separately): death ..... dismissal .... reserve roll ..... Total .....

4. How much has each church served paid during month.

Salary	$.....	$.....	$.....
Congregational Expenses	$.....	$.....	$.....
Benevolences	$.....	$.....	$.....
TOTAL	$.....	$.....	$.....

5. Use back of this form (*not* of voucher) or extra sheet if necessary to describe your program of work during the month, giving in detail those items of your general program which have been accomplished. (See over for information specifically desired.)

Send this blank promptly with voucher attached to Varian Banks, Treasurer, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York. Salary vouchers will be promptly honored when accompanied by a report properly filled out.

Give an account of the work of the church during the month as related to

A—Evangelism and Spiritual life and, in general, the spiritual progress of the church and community:

during summer have sent in $350.00 to be applied to needs of Board over and above paying expenses and keeping up the pledge on pastor's salary.

Beyond that have money for improvements costing about $800.00 and some for a new building later as needed.

B—Religious Education, methods and results in instruction and training in the Christian life:

Am sorry to have to say that absolutely without time to accurately keep up files of work done or visits made.

Marples.

C—Community Service: describe the church's social work in the community, such as recreation, civic improvement, ministry to the sick, the poor and the distressed, etc.

September 1, 1922.

Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple,
Anchorage,
Alaska.

My dear Brother:

I have your favor of August 15th and will file it with the other correspondence upon the questions raised so that if any future action should be necessary the entire correspondence will be at hand.

Hoping you are well and with heartiest good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

JD:ES

September 12, 1922.

Rev. Wallace S. Marple,
Anchorage,
Alaska.

My dear Brother:-

Yours of August the twenty-third asking that a check for $100. be forwarded to you at once to cover the expense of the meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon to be held in October, has been received. I am glad to report to you that upon request of Dr. Young a check for this amount was mailed to you on August twenty-ninth, which I trust is now in your hands. If you have not received it please write us again.

With best wishes for the success of your meeting.

I am,

Cordially yours,

I.

MONTHLY REPORT

of (name) Wallace Litton Marble (address) Cincinnati

(Presbytery) Lisbon for the month of November 192

Organized churches served (name them)

Unorganized points served (name them)

Note.—This report is *only* for the full calendar month named and should cover *all* churches and missions served. The report will give data for the month preceding that for which salary is requested, e. g., the voucher for May will be attached to the April report and will be mailed on or about May 15th.

1. Number of churches on your field in which you have preached during month ..... Number sermons preached ..... Average attendance at preaching service (if you have two services a Sunday in any church, give average attendance for the better attended service) ..... Number other services conducted ..... Average attendance ..... Number special services held in your churches (evangelistic meetings, etc.) ..... Average attendance ..... Total number of all public services held in your church during the month ..... Aggregate attendance, all services, for the month .....

2. Number pastoral calls made Average 4 – 10 per day for 5 days

3. Number additions during month (give each church separately): on confession ..... by letter ..... Total ..... Loss during month (give each church separately): death ..... dismissal ..... reserve roll ..... Total .....

4. How much has each church served paid during month.

Salary	50.00 Paid.	$.....	$.....
Congregational Expenses	Paid.	$.....	$.....
Benevolences	3 50.00 Send Money regularly		
TOTAL		$.....	$.....

5. Use back of this form (*not* of voucher) or extra sheet if necessary to describe your program of work during the month, giving in detail those items of your general program which have been accomplished. (See over for information specifically desired.)

Send this blank promptly with voucher attached to Varian Banks, Treasurer, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York. Salary vouchers will be promptly honored when accompanied by a report properly filled out.

Give an account of the work of the church during the month as related to

A—Evangelism and Spiritual life and, in general, the spiritual progress of the church and community:

A return of the people to their homes, entering of children into school and a stimulating of the work along all lines
Perhaps best result of Summer's work is three
Bible-class - Sunday-school and
about fifty outlying families and men on
Home Department.

B—Religious Education, methods and results in instruction and training in the Christian life:

Miss Briffle begun other activities carried
Organized course in sewing looking to making
of dresses by young ladies of town.
Needle work classes again in active operations
Study of S. S. looking to communions
coming at New Years and Easter.

C—Community Service: describe the church's social work in the community, such as recreation, civic improvement, ministry to the sick, the poor and the distressed, etc.

Town Library fostered.
Armistice Day Celebration
Thanksgiving Services Union.
Several cases of distress relieved and
of sick helped.
Chamber of Commerce activities.

Anchorage, Alaska, January 1. 1923.

TO,
Board of Home Missions
Presbyterian Church;

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D., Secretary,
156. -5th, Ave., New york City, N.Y. U.S.A.

Dear Sir & Bros.

It is generally understood; that on or about April 1st, 1923, our Pastor, Wallace Sutton Marple, by reason of service, well and faithfully performed, and under the rules of your honorable board, is to be allowed an extended vacation of several month duration.

The signers of this letter and memorial to you are all members and communicants of the Presbyterian Church, at Anchorage, Alaska.

Now:---We have recently learned, and with sorrow, for the work of Christ and the welfare of His Church is upmost in our hearts and minds at this time----That there is a posibility of our not again having Dr. Marple, as pastor of this, The Church of our choice.

" BRETHREN:---THIS OUGHT NOT SO TO BE".

Many reasons suggest themselves to us, none of which can be controverted as to why we wish to have Dr. Marple returned to the pastorate of our Church; a few will suffice.

WALLACE SUTTON MARPLE is an earnest, Godfearing, Christion gentleman: Ably seconded by a most lovable and devout Christian wife; temperamentally they fit into our scheme of things Alaskan.

He took over the pastorate of our Church in October, of A.D. 1920. At that time the membership was sixty-two. (62) Since that time and under his ministry thirty-five (35) men and women have given their hearts to God and joined this Church.

There are in this City three other churches. Your petitioners make no idle boast or claim when they say to you ; that in their opinion, the average Sabbath Day attendance at this Church excedes that of all others combined.---There must be a reason for this steady growth, interest and attendence.

Dr. Marple's sermons are spiritually uplifting and beneficial to his congregation ; They reveal care of preparation They reflect the culture of the trained intellect; They are messages fr from his Master, fraught with love, hope and blessings; They are delivered with that sincerity and knowledge of the truth, as it is in Christ, which alone can find its way to the hearts of men.

Out of the pulpit, Dr. Marple is ever
"About His Fathers Business"

We are pleased to note,and to inform you that we believe him to be universally loved and respected by men and women in every walk of life---- That men of affairs and standing in this community, seek for and enjoy his friendship and acquaintance; his council and advice is sought and followed by men and women having at heart the moral and spiritual welfare of our city. The lowly have in him a pillar of strength upon which to lean in their days of distress and adversity.

WHAT NEED HAVE WE TO SAY MORE TO YOU ?------

We pray you to return Dr. Marple to us. To the end that the work so ably begun here by him may be carried forward to the Glory of God and to the coming of Christ's Kingdom on earth.----AMEN----

R. N. Moore

Janette Niemann

Mrs. R. N. Troyer

Edna L. Moyer

Jessie Pratt

Mrs. Susie Smith

James Smith

Mrs. G. J. Smith

Mrs. Ella Newbury

R. J. Newbury

Mrs. A. E. House nee Barnes

Mrs. H. J. Vinal

H. A. Vinal

John M. Cook

Mrs. H. S. Sogn

H. S. Sogn

Arthur E. House

Vera D. Kimball

Ada A. Troyer

Walter Eugene Schell

Herbert L. Kell

M. G. Leonard

Mary Johnson

Ruth H. Romig

Harold B. Sogn

Ethel L. Potter

Carol Bayer

Agnes A. Pennington

Tom Crane

Gladys W. Lewis

Mrs. Lindley Green

William E. Hugel

Mr. W. E. Hugel

Anita V. Lobitz

Irvin Lobitz

Ester Matteson

Margaret Spotton

Fred Carlson Jr.

Vera Irene Latcher

George Edward Latcher

Mrs Henry J. Emard.

Mr Henry J. Emard.

Mrs George Hayden Rose

Mrs. H. S. Freeman

Mrs. Grant Reed

Carl D. Pollock (Provided this does not interfere with securing a satisfactory supply for the period of Dr. Grayble's absence)

Hazel B. Pollock

May V. Kennedy

Fred C. Powell

Anchorage, Alaska, January 1. 1923.

TO,
Board of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church,

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D. Secretary,
#156. 5th, Ave., New York City, N.Y. U.S.A.

Dear Sir & Bros. :-

It is reported; that on or about April, 1st, 1923 the Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple , leaves Anchorage upon an extended vaca-tion of several months: the said vacation having been earned by reason of faithful service under your direction. It is also reported; but we trust erroniously, that his return to this community, as pastor of the Presbyterian Church, is as yet undecided and in abeyance by your honorable board. ---Now:- be that as it may,

The signers of this letter are not members of the Presbyterian Church, at Anchorage, Alaska: but for the reasons herein set forth---- and there are many others that might be properly named---we would very much like to have Dr. Marple returned here to the pastorate of your church.

We feel that his transfer, to other fields of labor, would be depriving your church here of a faithful pastor, and this community of the services of an able conscientious man. Many of us have, on occasions, worked with him for the good of our City and for its moral welfare; our association with him has been most pleasant; his counsel always helpful-----He is a man able and willing to take his place and to do his part among men, earnest in good words and work, kind and considerate to others, and that without swerving from the path he considers that of rectitude and right.

To take him from this charge would be a loss to our entire community:- The city would loose a good, public spirited citizen, your church an efficient leader.

We would be very sorry to loose Dr. Marple from the councils of our firesides and city, and trust that your honorable body may see its way clear to return him to service here.

Edward - Editor Anchorage Daily Times
Wm. Warren President Bean & Hanscom Corporation
F. T. Reed Hotel Anchorage
Leopold David, Mayor of Anchorage
W. H. Rogers — U.S. Commissioner Anchorage Precinct
E. M. Spalding M. D. Pres. Anchorage Chamber of Commerce.

A A Hembrek (Merchant)
D W Stoddard - Postmaster
M O'C Murray Tailor-Cleaner.
Chas E Ulsan Supt. Schools.
Thos C Price Atty at Law. Territorial Senator.
J L Wheeler Atty at Law
A D Fitzhugh Major U.S. Army Commdg Co F 5th Inf
R Mourlin
Katherine G Kane.
James Kennedy
Donald F McGinn Clothier & Haberdasher
W. Maintenance & Constr
R D Chase Special Disbursing Agent A.E.C.
J C Selby Chief Accountant
B M Bandolar Examiner of Accounts, A.E.C.
N S Needham
W H Howard Trustee of Presbyterian Church
H P Allen Transfer Business
Mrs Edith Allen
R O Albritton
Mrs R O Albritton
D B Rose Asst Trainmaster Alaska Railroad
Mrs D B Rose

Edith E Wolfe

B. B. Moore Superintendent Central District U. S. Bureau of Education

W A Herndon

J B Beeson Chief Surgeon Alaska Ry
Fairbanks city Council
Pres. First National Bank

W. C. Dohrmann Trustee of Presbyterian Church

Anchorage, Alaska

Feb.10,1923

Rev,S.Hall Young,Gen'l Missionary,

Juneau,Alaska.

Dear Brother;

This will be no suprise to you as you already know that Dr.Wallace S.Marple,our pastor,will soon be leaving us for an indefinite period on a vacation from his duties here. We are depending on you to supply this place in his absence, but in event your work is such that you could not come,we will depend on you to have the place filled. In as much as Dr,Marple has already notified you as to about the time of his departure we would be pleased to have an answer from you as soon as con--venient,as to what arrangements youhave made in the matter. A copy of this letter also goes to Dr.Marquis.

Trusting that you have already made arrangements, we remain,

Yours Respectfully,

Henry D. Logan

Clerk of the Session.

MAR 5 - 1923

First Presbyterian Church

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, February 20th 1923.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D. D. ,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City, N. Y. ,

My dear Dr. Marquis:

Our Session is greatly concerned over the arrival of the man to relieve our pastor when he goes upon his furlough.

Mr. Marple wishes to go about the last of March. He has reasons for starting off early and has so notified Dr. Young.

Would it be possible, in case of delay on part of supply for you to encourage Dr. Young in filling in any possible gap?

The splendid condition of our work must be sustained. We have other churches here. Appreciating your help, believe me,

Yours most respectfully,

Henry S. Sogn,

Henry S. Sogn Clerk of Session.

February 23, 1923.

Rev. Wallace S.Marple,
Anchorage,
Alaska.

My dear Mr. Marple:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February seventh addressed to Dr. Dixon. I assume that you do not know that Dr. Dixon severed his active connection with the Board on the first of October last and has not been in touch with the office since that time, although he no doubt will never lose his interest in the work of the Board on its various mission fields. His twenty-four years' service with the Board would not permit him to soon forget the work in which he had been so personally and vitally interested. I know if he were here he would be more than glad to read your letter, but in his absence I have passed it on to Dr. Marquis and you will undoubtedly hear from him in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

(C. E. Ingraham)

For Dr. Dixon.

MAR 5 - 1923

~~United States Post Office~~ _____ CLASS

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.

FEB 21 1923

Rev. John A. Marquis D.D.
New York City.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed is copy of letter sent Dr. S. H. Young, which explains itself, and hope this can be arranged as per letter.

Yours very truly,

Henry D. Dogn
Clerk of Session

BANK OF ALASKA
ANCHORAGE
ALASKA

SKAGWAY CORDOVA WRANGELL

AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. February 28, 1923.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D. D.,

General Secretary, Board of Home Missions,

New York, N. Y.

My Dear Doctor Marquis:

There is enclosed two petitions---one originating with the officers of our church, the other by the townspeople---and they are forwarded to you for a two-fold purpose:

First, - a willing testimony of our appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Marple; and

Second,- an expression of our sincere desire for their return to this charge.

Many more names could be added to this request, but these suffice to show that both Church and Town concur in our purpose.

We aim not to interfere with the furlough earned and deserved, nor to retard any desire which they may have to become even better fitted for the important work before them; our interest and our prayers go with them. However, by this expression you are to know how we regard them, and the full measure of our desire for their return to this charge.

With kind, personal regards,

Sincerely,

R. H. Mowat
Chairman, Board of Trustees.

Henry N. Bogn
Clerk of the Sessions.

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MAR 27 1923

OFFICE STATED CLERK
PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

WALLACE SUTTON MARPLE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

March 12 th, 1923.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D. D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dea r Dr. Marquis:

I am under the inpression that this mail brings you two requests for our return to Anchorage at the end of the time planned.

One is from the members of the Church and one is from the townspeople. Both have been handled by the men of the Church. Many others would have signed and have so expressed their wishes to us and many of these feel they have not been treated quite fairly that they have not had the oportunity to do so given to them.

However you have the sentiments of the town in the papers before you. That is the point at which the effort aimed. Copies have been sent to Dr. Young.

At first I tried to discourage these requests. I found it to be of no avail, so let things go on. Finally asked for copies for the collection that I intend to hand down to posterity and began to express the natural gratitude and appreciation one should feel over this tribute to the little we have been able to do town and Church while here.

We are very thankful and will treasure the expressions, sincerely felt and gathered all but against our wish. Yet I wish you to wait until seeing me before you commit yourself to any final programme. Many things must be considered and the expression of these dear people cannot be but one part of that many.

The work is being left in very active condition. The plant is equal to the tasks at present. There should be no difficulty about workers or money in a relative way. The people are apprehensive about a supply for their pulpit, but believe Dr. Young will be equall to their necessity for he has known of our outgoing for a long time.

Yours most respectfully,

Wallace Sutton Marple

March 30, 1923.

Mr. R. N. Moyer,
Anchorage,
Alaska.

My dear Mr. Moyer:

I have received the letter signed by yourself and the Clerk of the Sessions, enclosing a petition from the citizens of Anchorage in regard to the return of the Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple to your city and the Presbyterian Church.

In reply, let me first express my appreciation of the esteem in which our Mr. Marple is held in your city, and, second, that it is the earnest desire of the Board to have him return to Alaska, and probably Anchorage, at the expiration of his furlough.

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

APR 26 1923

REV. WALLACE SUTTON MARPLE

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

April 6th, 1923.

Rev. Warren H. Wilson, D. D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York Ciy, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Wilson:

Your letter with its good news reached just about as we were getting the last nails in the boxes and sending them to storage for the furlough poriod. How can I thank you for all you have, and are, doing for us? I only trust that the way may open for the many things we have in mind to do and that we may not be lacking when it does so open. We have had the most splendid testamonies concerning the work done here and petition and personal requests for our return. It has been very gratifying, inasmuch as we had been going on with very little thought of doing ought but the duty in hand, answering the need of the moment. The fore part of June should find us in New York City. At that time I would be glad to confer with you as to the work in hand, should that not give you too much trouble. Again, our every appreciation and praise for your kindness and interest.

Yours gratefully,

Wallace Sutton Marple

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Embracing Central Portion Railroad Belt
Mt. McKinley National Park

Anchorage, Alaska.

April 6th, 1923.

Rev. James Packard Gillespie, D. D.,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Gillespie:

Your letter of March 12th refering to the report to the Yourgstown Church passing through your office received. As I am leaving Monday for the General Assembly and the furlough due me for service I shall be compelled to leave the matter for my successor, who ever that shall be, and perhaps you may know who comes before we do. I shall leave your request here on the desk and trust he gives it earnest attention. It might not be unwise for you to write him should you not find the reports forthcoming. It is my hope to be in New York in early

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City of Anchorage

Anchorage, Alaska, is an incorporated town, founded in 1915 by the Alaskan Engineering Commission as an operating base for the construction of a railway line from Seward to Fairbanks, a distance of 468 miles. It is located 114 miles from Seward, at the head of Cook Inlet, is accessible both by railroad and ocean transportation to the southern coast and Pacific ocean. Anchorage is headquarters for the Alaskan Engineering Commission and the large railroad shops are permanently located in the city, the combined employes of the railroad aggregating 1,600 men. It is also headquarters for Company B, 21st infantry, the city proper having a population of approximately 2,000 persons.

Fully Modern.

The city is modern in every respect and is situated on a townsite resting eighty feet above sea-level on a broad plain sufficient to accommodate a city of a million inhabitants; the streets are wide and level, have cement side-

walks, sewers, electric lights, telephone, telegraph and waterworks. Anchorage has a certified high school and graded schools, pipe-organ motion picture theatres, a paid fire department, a baseball league team, tennis courts, ample public buildings; every fraternal society and most religious denominations are represented; the B. P. O. E. have a $50,000 clubhouse, and other lodges equally prosperous. Anchorage has a vigorous Chamber of Commerce to serve its business and community interests; it has the largest and most complete hospital in the territory, erected to serve the Alaskan Engineering Commission during construction times; it has a Woman's club, Parent-Teachers' association and attendant organizations; it has three banks, modern stores and an eight- to sixteen-page daily newspaper; it has a Choral society that periodically presents light opera; organized orchestras and a band.

Vegetables and Flowers.

Every variety of hardy vegetable and flower grows within the city, and beautiful lawns abound. Among the vegetables are potatoes, cabbage, carrots, turnips, celery, kale, spinach, beets, kolrabi, field peas, green peas, parsnips, onions, lettuce, radishes, Swiss chard, rhubarb, etc.;

Berries.—Strawberries, red, black and white currants, raspberries, blueberries, salmon berries and two varieties of cranberries grow wild in the bush and furnish a splendid source for jams and jellies.

Grains.—The Anchorage district produces No. 1 Siberian and Romanow wheat, two-rowed barley, hulless barley, rye, oats, alfalfa (just introduced), timothy, red and white clover, sunflowers, and various native grasses, all affording ample summer forage and feed for winter.

Livestock.—All kinds of livestock thrive in this climate, as do chickens, ducks and geese, necessitating, however, more care in winter than in more southern climates.

Game.—Southwestern Alaska is the greatest game region of America, abounding in moose, caribou, mountain sheep, mountain goat, rabbits, ptarmigan, several varieties of grouse, wild geese, wild ducks; the streams abound in trout, salmon and grayling.

Agricultural Lands.

Approximately 100,000 acres of fertile farm land is open for free homesteading along the government railroad between Anchorage and a point sixty miles north, this land lying along the railroad and extending back to the hills a distance of about twelve miles. It is a rolling valley ranging from fifty to 200 feet above sea-level, with alternating low valleys and benches. For the most part the land is covered with small aspen, birch and spruce without taproot and easily cleared, not necessitating powder, save in the low valleys where sizeable timber, suitable for building purposes, is found.

Numerous springs and small creeks assure abundant water supply for domestic purposes and the water is pure and free from alkali. The soil ranges from light sandy loam to heavy black, and is very prolific. Due to the long hours of sunlight between the months of May and October vegetation advances in growth at approximately double the rate for more southern latitudes, hence vegetables grown in Alaska are unsurpassed in the world for tenderness and succulency.

Homestead Laws.

Agricultural lands may be homesteaded under the regulations of the United States, which grant title to 160 acres after a definite amount of the area located is brought under cultivation within a period of three years. A filing fee of approximately $16 is required, and the law requires that the homesteader shall cultivate one-sixteenth of his holdings the second year, and increase this amount to one-eighth in the third year. Absence from the land will be permitted for a period of five months annually. When leaving for a longer period the homesteader must notify the land office in which his location is registered, and similarly on his return.

The homesteader must be an American citizen or to have taken out his first papers, if of foreign birth, and must be an American citizen before patent issues. Locations on surveyed lands must be taken in multiples of forty acres, which is the smallest subdivision. On unsurveyed lands, the locator should mark his claim by corners, and the boundary lines should run true north and south and east and west. In the forest reserves the boundaries may be irregular, and will be determined by the shape of the tract after the timber lands have been eliminated.

Each application for patent in Alaska is considered on its merits, and if it is found that the homesteader has in good faith complied with the other requirements of the homestead law, the General Land Office will waive the requirements as to cultivation and permit the homesteader to secure a patent.

Prospective settlers should be prepared to bring with them the necessary farming tools, such as plows, harrows, discs, rakes and mowing machines, and suitable livestock. They should have at least two good horses, preferably bred from acclimatized northern stock, a cow, of the shorthorn variety for all-purpose and either Holstein or Ayrshire dairy animals, these latter having proved adaptable to this climate; a brood sow of any hardy pure-bred variety, and any strain of small-comb fowl desired, together with a supply of grain and hay for feeding purposes, as the local supply, being limited, commands high prices. Range horses may manage on native hay and foraging in winter, but more delicate stock requires feeding. While the Anchorage region affords opportunity for mixed farming and grain growing, the Fairbanks unit of 12,000,000 acres is essentially destined to become the hard-wheat region of Alaska, but requires practically the same amount of clearing, save the trees are smaller. Oats and wheat are matured in the Arctic Circle.

Markets.

The market is at present confined to local consumption and must be gauged by the development of the mining, timber, fisheries and other natural resources. It is hoped to secure water transportation rates that will open outside markets, especially to livestock and grains and to manufacture jams, evaporate and can vegetables in the agricultural belt, to develop creameries and milk evaporating plants.

Climatic Conditions

Contrary to popular belief this latitude has as many hours of sunshine as any other portion of America; the only difference is in distribution. In midsummer the day is twenty-two hours long, and plant life being subject to light advances more rapidly than elsewhere. Taking the past three years as a guide, the last frost in spring occurred May 24, 1919; May 26, in 1920, and May 25, 1921. The first frost in autumn, 1919, was on September 25; 1920, September 14; 1921, September 28. The average mean temperature between May and September for three years was approximately 26 degrees above zero, with short periods of zero weather, minus winds or blizzards.

School System.

In addition to certified high school and grade schools in Anchorage rural schools are established wherever five or more children reside in a school district. The curriculum is equal to the highest standards found in the United States.

Mining.

Anchorage is headquarters for mining operations extending from a point forty miles south of the city to 100 miles northward, with the hills extending north and southward to the east of the farming belt prolific in gold, silver, copper, lead and associate metals, and here and there workable placer deposits. The nearest developed camp is on Crow Creek, forty miles south, and Willow Creek, sixty-five miles northward, seven mills being in operation in the latter district. Dr. Alfred Brooks of the U. S. Geological Survey pronounces the lode deposits of many of these camps as being persistent and justifying deep mining and promise of permanency.

On both sides of the railroad for a distance of 347 miles prospectors have discovered gold, silver, copper and lead, and the Kantishna region is just being opened north of Mt. McKinley.

In placer mining, Cache Creek, with fourteen outfits operating and others preparing to enter the field, promises to be a permanent and prolific camp tributary to Anchorage.

The region known as the Broad Pass mining district is being developed, and prospects are especially encouraging. The completion of the Government Railroad insures great activity in this large, undeveloped region which contains deposits of copper, lead, zinc, silver and gold, as well as large, proven veins of lignite coal.

The Nelchina gold placer district is located about fifty miles northeast of Chickaloon and is reached by railroad and trail from Anchorage. This district has been a small producer for some years, and has been handicapped by lack of transportation. With improved transportation facilities this section should show a marked increase in production. About twenty men have been working in this section for the last five years, with an increasing production of gold.

In the Susitna Valley, and in the western Talkeetna Mountains, notably on Iron Creek and Kashwitna River, are promising copper deposits. Gold has been recovered from both placer deposits and lodes from the region south of Turnagain Arm for a great many years. Several mines are successfully operating in the district and considerable summer development planned.

Coal Mining.

Located seventy-four miles north of Anchorage are the Matanuska bituminous coal fields, where the United States Navy has developed approximately 300,000 tons of coal suitable for use of warships, and where the Alaskan Engineering Commission has developed coal measures for use of the railroad. Three private companies are now developing coal measures and shipping the product for local and outside consumption. In course of a few years this region should employ many hundreds of men.

Beginning at Houston, on the main line of the Government Railroad, and sixty-one miles north of Anchorage, large and easily accessible lignite deposits abound, some of which are in course of development. It is estimated by the U. S. Geological Survey that Alaska contains 12,000 acres of coal lands, of which a major portion of this area is located adjacent to the railroad, and possessing in the aggregate approximately 20,000,000,000 tons. Other lignite deposits lie along Cook Inlet, from which coal is being extracted for local consumption and to supply nearby cannery plants.

Labor.

The Chamber of Commerce does not desire to proffer advice to those seeking work; its business is with the development of natural resources and industry, ranging from mining to manufacturing, agriculture to fishing. In these industries Alaska offers everything for an industrious, intelligent man, but, is not a place for those who only care to work for day's pay unless they are prepared to take the usual chances of periodical depression.

Miscellaneous.

Alaska has produced approximately One Billion and Eight Million Dollars since it was purchased. This wealth came from its mines, fisheries, furs and timber. Its precious mineral areas have been skimmed over in spots and there is a broad field for the prospector. The latter should be grubstaked for from two to three years to properly cover the field. However, men who accumulate a stake while working have opportunity to locate both pay placer and lode mines.

Cities like Anchorage embody a cosmopolitan population, including men and women of highest culture and one may choose as he wishes. There are neither gambling houses or dance halls in Alaska, and its conventional code is stricter than in most United States cities. The best traditions of the real pioneers are sustained and perpetuated, making life in the territory joyous and contented.

Scenic Attractions.

The United States Railroad, erected by the government at a cost approximating $57,000,000, traverses one of the richest regions of the world, both in natural resources and scenery. Among the outstanding scenic regions that is destined to attract the tourist from over the world is Mount McKinley National Park, where the highest peak in America stands 20,300 feet above sea-level and within sight of the sea. Stretching northward for a distance of approximately sixty miles is a panorama of scenery combining the beauties of every known mountain region in the world. The railroad traversing Broad Pass on the eastern side affords a splendid view of the Mt. McKinley region in panorama, including other great peaks like Foraker, 17,000 feet; Russell, 11,500 feet; Dall, 9,000 feet, and the rugged "backbone" of Alaska stretching northward to the eroded plains of the Tanana and Yukon.

One who beholds an Alaskan sunset in the vicinity of Mount McKinley will find much to thrill and inspire in the wonderful color schemes and changing phenomena of winter and summer. Artists and writers have endeavored to describe this riot of color, but brush and pen are but poor ambassadors for the exquisite charm of this region. Mount McKinley Park embraces an area of approximately 2,200 square miles and is the big-game refuge of Central Alaska, where great herds of caribou migrate annually, and where many varieties of carnivora abound. Under the Alaska Road Commission a series of feeder roadways and trails are being constructed in a belt 100 miles wide on each side of the railroad, which will give access to the park and mining regions.

High up in the mountains some twenty miles removed from the railroad, and thirty-seven miles north of Anchorage the thrill-seeker may scale the Knik glacier, and from great heights view the panorama of eternal ice that rests high above the sun-laved valleys below.

Wealth Abounds Along the United States Railroad that

Like a key inserted in a lock ready to release the bolt that will open the door to the greatest empire of natural wealth on the American Continent.

Gold

Lode and Placer gold prospects are abundant on both sides of the railroad, only requiring machinery and modern methods to turn to commercial account.

Coal.

The belt through which the railroad passes is estimated to contain more than Twenty Billion tons of Bituminous and Lignite Coal.

Oil.

Oil seepages at various points indicates the presence of large reservoirs of petroleum. Oil of high quality is found seeping a mile from Anchorage.

Wonderland of America Hedges the United States Railroad that

Traverses a region containing more than Twelve Million Acres of agricultural land, capable of growing any crop produced in the Northern United States. This land is open to homesteaders.

Timber.

The railroad traverses one of the largest areas of birchwood in America, suitable for all purposes for which semi-hardwood is used.

Scenery.

Embraced in the area between Anchorage and Nenana is the most wonderful scenic region in the world, including Mt. McKinley, 20,300 ft. high and three lesser peaks from 9,000 to 17,000 feet in height. For more than 100 miles one travels through a fairyland of rugged scenery and romance of Alaska pioneering.

June and should this be so I will be pleased to see you and confer with you about these Alaskan situations should you so wish it. Your office is going to be of the utmost importance and I should like to know its scope and how it concerns the relationships between the outlying and the supporting factors. Wishing you every success in your work, believe me,

Yours most sincerely,

Wallace Sutton Marple

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May 1, 1923.

Rev. Wallace S. Marple,
Anchorage,
Alaska.

Dear Mr. Marple:

This may not reach you, but I am sending it to acknowledge your letter of early April. I am glad you are coming and I will be here in New York until the 6th of June, so that I hope to see you. If you do not arrive until after I have left the city, Miss Wyckoff, my secretary here, or Miss Carney at Teachers College can give you any information and Mr. Hermann N. Morse can tell you much about the work at the College.

Sincerely yours,

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May 7, 1923.

Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple,
Anchorage, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Marple:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 6 in response to my request for a report of the work being done at Anchorage. We shall be glad to receive this report from your successor in order that we can send it to the First Church of Youngstown, Ohio, which church supports your work. We find that reports from the field are of material aid in helping to maintain and stimulating increased interest among the members of a congregation.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours

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Telegram

Rev. Wallace S. Marple,
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Dr. Marquis will be in any day

next week till Thursday

Warren H. Wilson.

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Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

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My dear Mr. Marquis:-

Both Mrs. Marple and myself believe the use of slides would add to the interest of our talks on Alaska.

I have spoken to Mr. Eastman of this. He tells me there are such at Headquarters.

Kindly advise me concerning this and authorize selection should your approval follow.

Yours most respectfully.

Wallace Sutton Marple.

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Dear Mr. Marple.

To you and yours, Greeting.

I am on the job, but not feeling so secure and confident of the outcome as I would, had I about one year's experience behind me. So far it has gone good enuf but the real trial is ahead of me when the furs begin to come in. The grading and the ability to know a good skin from a medium or poor one is going to call for good judgement and the line between these is not very clearly drawn to an inexperienced eye and believe me the Indians will give you the worst of it if they get half a chance. I want to give them what is right and I want to protect Mr. Strelic also. If it was on my own hook, I would not care so much but its the other man's money and that is what gets my goat. But I am not going to get the worst of it by any means. A few mistakes is about all.

I have found it pleasant enuf so far. I had some good hunting after caraboo and my rifle I found to be right on the job. I shot one big caraboo at over 400 yards and he never knew what hit him. I hate to feed my dogs on meat when I know so many people have none but that's all we can get up there. The sheep are

In the hills about six miles from but they are not very plentiful, yet I hope to get one or two. The hunting is a little dangerous account of snow sliding on the hills and several have lost their lives in that way. The Indian village is across the river and that is an advantage as it does not make the store a loafing place for them.

The Mission buildings are over there and they are in there all the time and at all hours, meal time being a favorite (with the Indians) calling hour. And any one who gets into Mission work deserves a star in their crown for every day of it. Yet permit me to say that the Churches use poor judgement in selecting their missionaries when they send young men. There is one trait of the Indian character they over look and that is the most weighty of all. Among all Indians, the older men are looked up to as councillors and teachers. All the legends, history and learning of the tribe is kept by them and handed down to the younger men, who are the hunters and warriors.

And when some bespectacled young man comes in as a missionary, he has this dominant feature of the Indians against him and his progress is handicapped at the start.

I think a lot of these youngsters with the mission idea in their head are actuated largely by martyr-hero feeling and what they refer to as the call to the harvest field of the Lord is most likely the call of the plow in the field or hugs in a pot at supper and they would do more good if they heeded it. They get out and write a lot of soft sob-letters home, "if you knew the need of help for these poor Indians, they need the gospel so much, please send us money and supplies to

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keep up the good work" and such mush as that I've heard it. An older man with good judgement and sense would say, "send me certain things by a certain time and will lock up the house and come home." and he would be better here and get travels from home also. The mission here is in charge of a young man of about 26 yrs of age, Einor knew him at Ft Gibbon as he was in the army there, and his wife, a lady of about 50, his name is McConnell. He is not an ordained priest, its an Episcopal Mission cannot perform a marriage ceremony, but he conducts the church service, buries them etc and will teach the school.

They seem to be very nice people, Mr. Crane, the priest in charge of this district is up here for a while. The Indians here are all able to speak enuf English to get along except a few of the older ones. Nearly all go to church and try to sing and could do very well if some one could play the organ for them as they have a good one here. Its about time for them to go out for the winters trapping and then the place is about deserted as they take their families and go out to the hunting and trapping ground in season. All will be in at Christmas till after New year as then they.

have someting dances and a dance to some exent.

They dance all the Indian dances first and then bring in a phonograph and dance the white mans way. They know but one dance, the two-step, and they sure enjoy it. I went to one when I first came here and all wanted to dance with me. I coued not dance and told them, "Oh too bad Chawy, you no have good time." They call me Chawy daw as my name is too much for them. But I yielded to the voice of the people and I can now hit a very fair two-step. They have a hard time in a way, but are far better than in their primitive state when whole villages sometimes starved to death.

One thing I dislike up here is the lack of mail or the means of getting it. Two men came through a month ago and I saw the papers gone with since I came up here and at this time so much is going on outside. I want to read of them traitors who have been storing up food, of being stood up against a wall and shot. I am going to be a year behind when I get out. Please give Mr. Hatch the little news there is in this letter for me and ask him to get my fur cop out of my cabin, it's a red fox cop, and then will you kindly take it to Mr. Bloom's store as he is sending me a few things by Parcel post and I have written him to expect it. To all of you I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and many of them.

I will now go cook my own supper.

Yours truly

A. [illegible]

Chicken
Alaska

#Also a pair of snow-glasses hanging by the west window.

Fairbanks, Alaska.

The best part of Alaska, in point of climate, farming facility and future prospects, is the interior, especially the Tanana and Susitna Valleys. Formerly supposed to be a land of ice and snow, the Fairbanks country now smiles as a great wheat land and furnishes wheat, oats, barley and rye, wonderful potatoes, turnips and other vegetables, and the finest strawberries, raspberries and other small fruits to be found anywhere on the North American Continent. The constant flood of hot sunshine during the nearly three months where there is no night, is like a forcing house. The plants do not sleep at night, but grow constantly, getting their moisture from the receding frost and drawn to great perfection by the warm rays of the constant sun.

Placer gold mines, which first built up Fairbanks, are still in existence, but the present low prices of gold has caused many of these mines to be shut down temporarily as the price of machinery, wages and transportation is very high. However, these gold mines are still there and will be worked.

A great stampede of farmers into that region is looked for in the near future, and other minerals besides the gold are awaiting developments. The Rev. F. G. Scherer has recently taken charge of Fairbanks Church which was organized and built in 1904 by Dr. Young. The church has felt the decline in population and is not as large as it was a few years ago, but it is bravely holding on and the promise of its future is bright.

The salary of the pastor at Fairbanks is $2,000. For a number of years the church furnished one-half of this, but at present $1,500 is asked from the Board, with the hope and expectation that the business of Fairbanks will soon revive and the church be pushed rapidly towards self-support.